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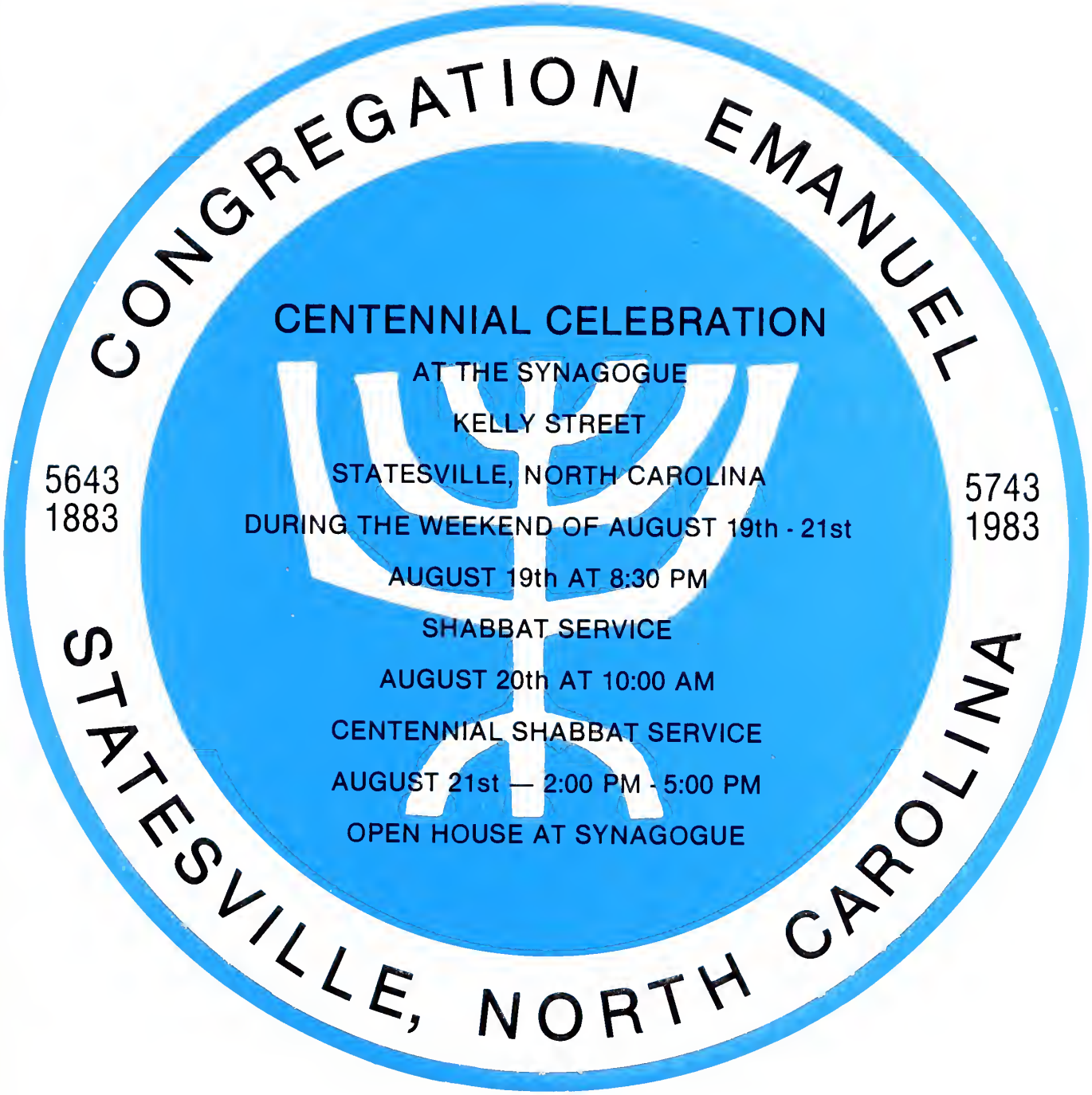
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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
AT THE SYNAGOGUE
KELLY STREET
STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
DURING THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 19th - 21st
AUGUST 19th AT 8:30 PM
SHABBAT SERVICE
AUGUST 20th AT 10:00 AM
CENTENNIAL SHABBAT SERVICE
AUGUST 21st — 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
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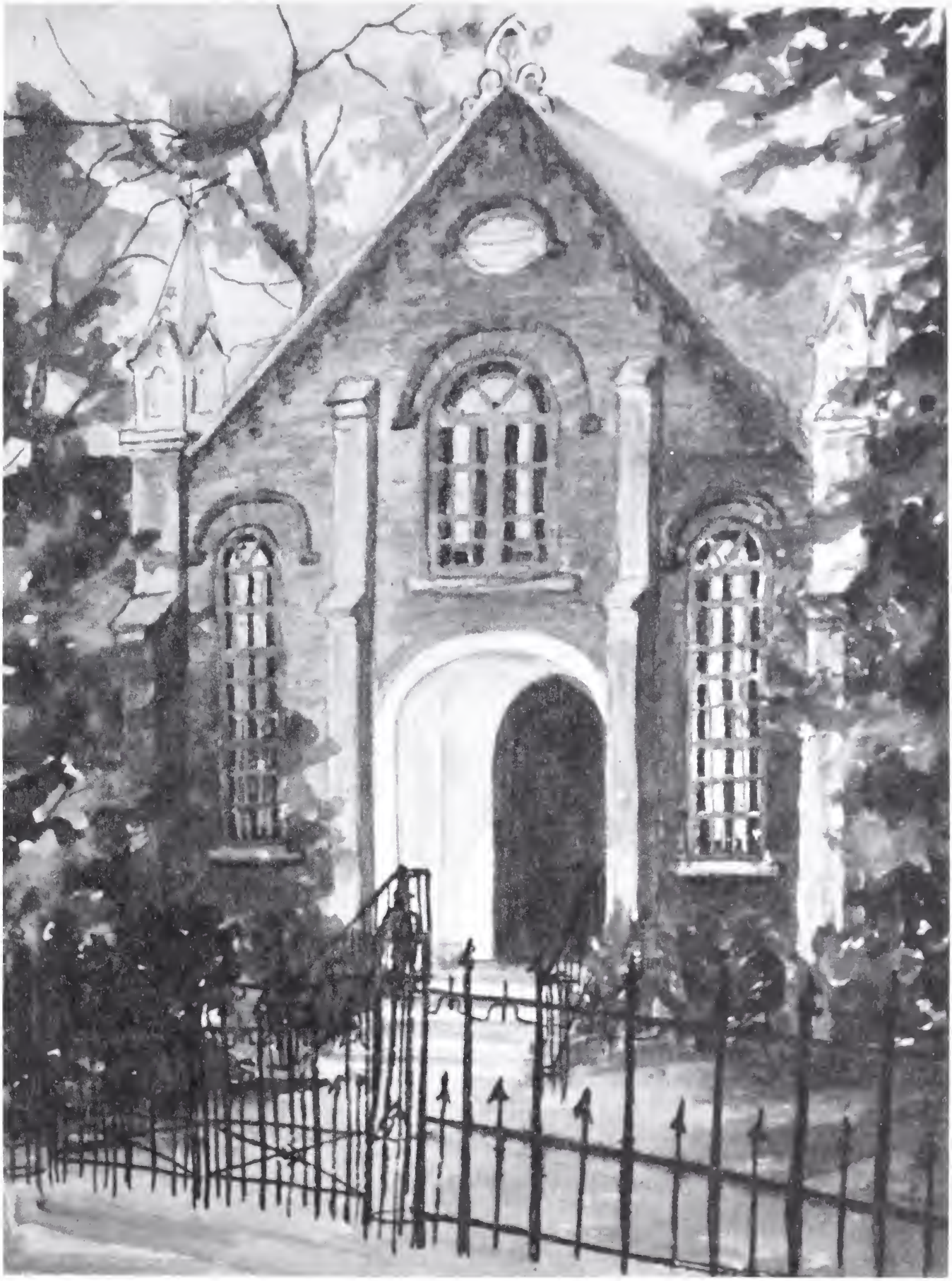

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Hanna Adler

We have tried to include mention of the most representative and memorable events throughout the history of Congregation Emanuel. Limitations were imposed by space and time and forced us to make decisions. The contributions, large and small, of everyone past and present enable our Jewish community to exist and grow.

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS

That long-awaited year has come - our one hundredth anniversary! Let us celebrate. Rare indeed is the opportunity to participate in an event signifying a century of existence.

One hundred years ago the eternal light of formal Jewish life was lit in Statesville. In this commemorative book we have tried to highlight the significant events from that early beginning to this date. Even though at times that light has flickered and dimmed, those who were entrusted with its care by their devotion and strength of purpose, kept it burning and have passed it down to us to treasure and nurture.

One hundred years from now, we possibly will be judged by the way we accepted and responded to that stewardship. Let us and those who will follow not be found wanting.

The last third of the century presented the most challenges for Congregation Emanuel. Indeed it is sometimes more difficult to revitalize a dream than it is to initiate it. I salute you for having been a part of that life-saving period of our existence. I laud you for having increased the devotion to continuing Jewish existence in our community. Our work does not now end; we must consider that our responsibility is only beginning as we enter our second hundred years.

The strength we infuse into Jewish life will be tested during the years which lie ahead. Let us accept the challenge to do what is needed to perpetuate the eternal light of our Jewish heritage.

In closing, I want to thank Hanna Adler, aided and supported by her husband Howard, for their unselfish contributions of time and of self towards the completion of this book. I know others of our congregation have also given much but the Adlers' contribution was a labor of love so greatly appreciated.

Albert Schneider.
Centennial Chairman

One hundred years ago, a small group of Jewish pioneers officially organized Congregation Emanuel. Their families' needs for formal religious observance and training outweighed their apprehensions about being different from the majority. Despite economic conditions during the Great Depression which forced many to leave our town, the commitment to Judaism of those remaining in Statesville prevailed.

When the Jewish population of Statesville began to increase in the post-World War II period, the Congregation gradually resumed full activity. Through the fluctuations in membership, the one constant rallying point was the synagogue. Erected approximately nine years after the congregation was established, the original sanctuary continues as our house of worship. Fortunately, the original needs of our founders were sizable enough for them to build a temple which has been able to accommodate one hundred years of growth. But the building is more than simply brick and mortar. It is a beacon which still summons the Jewish population to practice its religion. One hundred years ago, our predecessors in Statesville started the signal fire; we are responsible for keeping it burning.

Larry Rosenfeld
President
CONGREGATION EMANUEL

Our 100th anniversary is but a grain of sand in the desert of Jewish existence. Just as it takes many grains of sand to make a desert, so did it take many people to make Congregation Emanuel what it is today.

In the pages that follow, meet those people who gave us our start; know their joys and feel the sorrow of their passing. Meet also several of our present members. As it was in the beginning, it is true today: Our faith remains strong to meet the challenges and changes of the future.

During the next 100 years, our members will come and go but our goals will remain the same: A life of peace, health, prosperity and a continued perpetuation of Judaism. We are one with the past and with the future.

Betty Lee
President
L.A.T.E.

CONGREGATIONAL MESSAGE FROM RABBI ROBERT A. SEIGEL

This new year is an especially auspicious one for the Jewish community of Statesville. Indeed, it is one which reflects well on all of Statesville and Iredell County. On August 19, 1983, Congregation Emanuel crosses the threshold of an era as it celebrates its one hundredth anniversary.

This has been an important century for Congregation Emanuel and for world Jewry in general. During these one hundred years we have witnessed some of the most significant events in all of Jewish history. The span of that century begins just before the birth of political Zionism and ends shortly after the reunification of Jerusalem under Jewish rule. As we look back upon the entire scope of our 4,000 years, this century has produced more lasting memorials than any other single hundred-year span.

1883-1983 will be remembered forever by the Jewish people because of two events which occurred during these years, two events around which holidays have been created:

> This was the century in which the greatest disaster in all Jewish history occurred, the Holocaust, in which we lost one third of our number to wanton evil. We will forever recall those dark days in the somber YIZKOR of YOM HA SHOAH, Holocaust Memorial Day.
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> This was the century in which 2,000 years of prayers and dreams were realized with the rebirth of Israel in 1948. Gathered from the corners of the earth, the Jewish people returned to Eretz Yisrael with the hope that "from Zion shall go forth the Law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." We rejoice each year at the anniversary of Israel's rebirth, YOM HAATZMAUT.

Congregation Emanuel and its members have been witness to this traumatic century. A seed of Jewish identity and commitment was planted in Statesville one hundred years ago, and today there blossoms one of the most active, vibrant and exciting synagogues anywhere. The founders of Congregation Emanuel had a dream, but it took the implementation of that dream to bring it to fruition.

As ROSH HASHANA approaches and we glide into our second century, Faye and I congratulate both the synagogue and you, the members, at this milestone in the history of the congregation. May the year ahead be one of health and fulfillment, spiritual growth, and sustained tempo of commitment.

Rabbi Robert A. Seigel

"Any Jew who has visited Congregation Emanuel is immediately aware of the unique feeling of warmth and friendship which envelopes the entire community. And the Jews of Statesville understand that one can only deepen one`s relationship to the Jewish heritage by being involved, by learning, and by keeping up with the developments affecting world Jewry."

HAIM GORDON
Hadassah Magazine
February, 1975

"IN THE BEGINNING"

by Darrell Hathcock*

A LEGACY

The significant contributions of the 100-year-old Jewish community to life in Statesville, throughout its rich history, reflect the progressive attitude and basic religious values upon which Congregation Emanuel was founded. From the days of the Confederacy to the contemporary period, the families of Congregation Emanuel have led lives marked by personal success and faithful dedication which have served as a continual stimulus to the remainder of the community through business, scientific, civic, and philanthropic activities.

The history of Jewish influence in Statesville begins in 1859 with the arrival of a German immigrant, Isaac Wallace. The accomplishments of this man and his family caused Statesville to become known both as a thriving religious center in Piedmont North Carolina and as an influential business community. Wallace was born in Germany, March 15, 1828 and was an herb dealer in Moncks Corner, South Carolina, for two years after settling in the United States in 1854. At the age of 28, he relocated in Statesville and established a general merchandise business with a brother-in-law, Lewis Elias. He became an American citizen. In 1861, his brother David left South Carolina to join the business. A third brother, Victor Wallace, moved to Salisbury, North Carolina. Other relatives soon arrived to begin their own businesses. They were: Jacob Rintels, David Goldberg, Samuel Wittkowsky, and Messrs. Cohen and Saltzgiver.

During and after the Civil War, other Jewish families moved to Statesville and became active in retail, wholesale, liquor, tobacco, clothing, and merchandising.

These families were loyal to the Confederacy. One Statesville man, Samuel Wittkowsky, won recognition for himself and the entire Jewish community as well by his efforts to befriend Zebulon B. Vance, the Confederate Governor of North Carolina. The story of these efforts is described in an article by David Lieberman (author, attorney, and instructor at Western Piedmont Community College) entitled "Zeb Vance and the Jews." Lieberman states:

> "An order was passed down from President Andrew Johnson, through Secretary of War Stanton, to General Grant directing the arrest of Zeb Vance, who, the order insultingly stated, `has been claiming to act as the Governor of North Carolina.' Vance was a resident of Statesville, and on the morning of May 13, 1865, a cavalry squadron appeared at his home."

Vance was arrested and a transportation problem arose - no horses; the nearest railroad depot was in Salisbury, North Carolina.

Lieberman further notes that Wittkowsky, a Statesville hat manufacturer who had met Governor Vance, was outraged because he considered it an affront to Vance's office and personal dignity to be escorted by a cavalry squadron.

> "Wittkowsky offered not only his horse and carriage, but himself as driver, rather than have Vance consider himself the passenger of a `captor'; and drive him he did - all the way to Salisbury .... Vance was touched by this gesture. He was a man of sensitivity, upon whom an act of warmth and understanding would never be lost."

After Vance's parole in July 1895, he was motivated to express his appreciation to Wittkowsky by delivering a lecture entitled "The Scattered Nation," which was delivered to both Jewish and Gentile listeners. In this lecture Vance noted the vast contributions of the Jewish people to world civilization.

Part of the oration which refers to World Jewry reads:

> "...His history is the history of our civilization and progress in this world, and our faith and hope in that which is to come. From him have we derived the form and pattern of all that is excellent on earth or in heaven."

PIONEERS AND EARLY HISTORY

As one of the original Jewish pioneers in Statesville, Isaac Wallace was the moving spirit of his business establishment. He believed in enterprise, progress, and modern improvements and not only gave his aid in such matters, but led in the movement of them. A proponent of a town cemetery, Wallace actively encouraged purchase of land that led to the establishment of Oakwood Cemetery. He also became a leader in town government, and in financial and religious affairs. During his long career here, his services were available in any cause that made for the general good or would promote the welfare of the community or state.

Isaac Wallace's business enterprise would continue to grow for 35 years, making Wallace Bros. Co. the largest wholesale goods operation in the region.

As businessmen, members of Congregation Emanuel, along with Wallace, often initiated a variety of vital enterprises that brought an improvement to the quality of life in Statesville and international recognition to the area. These business endeavors centered on the herb and wholesale merchandising industries, the general merchandise area, and the liquor industry. The Wallace Brothers, Isaac and David, literally took what other people considered weeds and established the world's largest dried herb warehouse. The initial retail business established in 1859 by Isaac Wallace and his brother-in-law, Lewis Elias, always remained separate from another occupation, the gathering for sale of medicinal roots and herbs. Elias became disassociated with Wallace's new businesses by 1861, when David Wallace joined his brother in the wholesale herb trade. The suitability of the region for availability and the distribution of herbs led another member of Congregation Emanuel, Louis Pinkus, to begin his own herb dealership. Other than Louis Pinkus and the Wallace Bros. in Statesville, the only herbarium in the country in 1888 was Park, Davis and Co. in Charlotte, notes Homer Keever in his "History of Iredell County."

"Together the Wallace brothers began gathering roots and herbs in a small way ... adding varieties as the doctors needed them," states Julie S. Holcombe in an article entitled, "A Town in Retrospect." "Soon they established this as a branch separate from their other business and frequently made up general collections for professors of botany in the leading colleges and universities. Their domestic trade included wholesale druggists, manufacturers of proprietary medicines, as well as patent medicine manufacturers," Holcombe says. Wallace Bros. eventually bought out the Charlotte dealer, causing the country's herb needs to be supplied solely from Statesville. "While the Pinkus establishment was a large one and did compete for the trade from 1882 until the 1890's, it is with the Wallaces that we usually associate the root and herb business .... By 1890 they were shipping annually a million and a half pounds of dried roots, bark, and leaves of over 2,300 different varieties of plants ..." Keever states.

Physical growth in Statesville also occurred as the Wallaces' business grew. A two-story warehouse was constructed in the 1870's at the corner of Meeting and Walnut Streets. A larger structure soon was needed. The additional structure became known as the "Botanic Depot" and eventually consumed storage space in an old tobacco market across the street. The original Wallace herbarium remained until 1944 when it was torn down to salvage the lumber. It was located at the site of the Barnes Hotel.

International recognition for the Wallace Bros. came in 1876 when a botanical display entered in the nation's Centennial celebration in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, won first prize. A Wallace Bros. exhibit again earned a first-place medal in Paris, France at the 1878 World's Fair.

The economic chaos and depression that hit the South in the post-Civil War period was made more bearable for Statesville citizens because of the efforts of the Wallace brothers in encouraging a system of barter trade. A lack of hard, valuable currency meant that some other item was needed to allow daily commerce among people who needed goods to survive.

"Seldom was any money used in the country store of that time," notes Historian Keever. "Instead, what the housewife bought was paid for with herbs and dried fruit and due bills, scraps of paper on which was written that the store owed something like seven or nine cents from the week before. The country store, in turn, paid the Wallaces what they were due with herbs and dried fruit," Keever states.

By 1895 the wholesale operation of J. K. Morrison, also a member of Congregation Emanuel, became the town's leading business concern. Julian K. Morrison had been active in Statesville's business community since 1881, when he formed a partnership with J. S. Miller selling groceries and produce. Morrison reorganized the business with his sons after Miller's death to include retail and wholesale transactions.

Between 1880 and the turn of the century, the liquor industry was an important factor in the Statesville economy, and members of Congregation Emanuel helped bring this about. "Liquor for the wholesale trade in Statesville was manufactured at numerous small distilleries scattered over the county, most of them in the northern section and licensed by the federal government with a tax imposed on the liquor they produced," wrote Homer Keever.

In separate years, two Jewish businessmen joined the wholesale liquor trade in the area by establishing H. Clarke and Sons and Lowenstein and Co.

Henry Clarke, brother-in-law of J. H. Hoffmann, moved to Statesville in 1883 and began a liquor wholesale business with W. M. Meyer. Their business operated in various forms until liquor sales were prohibited by vote in 1903. Retail purchase of liquor had been banned in Statesville since 1872.

One of the early professional men in the Jewish community who also had business interests was Dr. Julius Lowenstein, who moved to the town in 1884. Instead of continuing a practice in dentistry, Dr. Lowenstein began distilling liquor and distributing it through a company that, like other liquor wholesale concerns, eventually fell victim to unbearable federal taxes and local anti-liquor movements. Dr. Lowenstein sold his business and moved to Atlanta, Georgia. The elegant Queen Anne-style home he had built changed hands several times in succeeding years and eventually was spared from demolition by the Historic Iredell Foundation. The Foundation recently sold the house, after it was moved from the original Broad Street location to Walnut Street for renovation by a residential developer.

Jewish influence was also felt in the general merchandising trade of the late 19th Century. Names of advertisers which appeared frequently in old newspapers were: L. Pinkus, M. Stein, A. Moses, N. Harrison, J. Stephany, S. Friedman, and D. Levy.

Pinkus was a Civil War veteran who moved into the Jewish community from New York in 1880. His warehouse and wholesale business rivaled the herb and root trade of the Wallaces.

John Stephany relocated from Delaware the next year as operator of M. Stein and Son Clothiers of Baltimore. He purchased the business for himself in 1887. In 1882, Nathan Harrison set up a men's clothing store here after living in Brooklyn, New York. A. Moses had settled in Statesville directly from Germany in 1874. He first worked as an apprentice and later owned his own business after 1880.

Jacob H. Hoffmann had come from Bamberg, South Carolina in the 1880's and owned a grocery in town. He married one of the Wallace family daughters and eventually became a bookkeeper for the family company.

Another Jewish businessman who earned distinction in the community was Benjamin Ash, a founding member of Congregation Emanuel. Ash established himself as a tobacco leaf dealer in 1881 after moving from New York. A "mammoth warehouse" was constructed from which his products were distributed.

Other families in business at the time were Henry Scott, Sol Simon, and the Goldbergs.

TEMPLE ORGANIZED AND DEDICATED

The Wallace home became the center of religious life for the Jewish community when Congregation Emanuel was organized during a gathering on August 19, 1883. Regular worship services were held there and in the Fireman's Hall on North Center Street for nine years until a temple was built at the intersection of West End Avenue and North Kelly Street.

Founding members of the Congregation were: Isaac Wallace, David Wallace, Benjamin Ash, Louis Pinkus, and John Stephany. Other members were: Henry Clarke and his sons Emile, Sol, and Leon Clarke; Julius Lowenstein; Mose and Max Lowenstein; W. J. Lowenstein; Max Meyer; Louis Clarke; William Wallace; Isidore Wallace; Julius Wallace; Nathan Harrison; Henry Scott; Aaron Wallace; Sol Simon; Abraham Moses; Sig and David Wallace, Jr.; Joseph, Ludwig, Sam, and Nathan Ash; David Levy; Benjamin Levy; L. Schiller; F. Adelson; F. Kaufman; and M. H. Eichberg.

Benjamin Ash was the first to conduct services for the new congregation. When the meeting place temporarily moved to the town-owned building for 18 months, Rabbi Julius L. Meyerberg of New York was brought to Statesville to conduct services and instruct the children.

The growth of the Jewish population in Statesville to some 20 families by 1883 paralleled the vigorous development of the town, which included 34 stores, 5 tobacco factories, a national bank, an electric light system, 2 herbariums, 5 physicians, and 14 lawyers.

A prosperous outlook also encouraged members of Congregation Emanuel to initiate a lasting monument to their faith, a temple that now stands at the corner of West End Avenue and Kelly Street. The land adjoining the town's Fourth Creek Burial Grounds was purchased from the estate of Dr. H. Kelly in February, 1881. By the next year, the building had been completed and the congregation, friends, and visitors from throughout the Southeast gathered for a dedication service on the evening of May 25, 1892.

A report of the ceremony states, "On the evening of May 25, 1892, this house of worship, the pride of the Israelites of Statesville, was filled to capacity with Jewish citizens ... a large number of friends of other denominations, and quite a number of visitors from Charleston, Charlotte, and Asheville.

"The late Rev. Benjamin Szold of Baltimore and Rev. S. Tyor, the residing rabbi, delivered the dedication sermons, which were beautiful, solemn and impressive," the account states.

Other participants in the joyous occasion were Miss Carrie Hoffmann, who presented the key to the temple to Isaac Wallace, congregation president. "The vocal solos by Miss Flora Whitlock, Mrs. N. L. Simmonds, Mrs. J. Stephany, and Mr. C. E. Mills were very much admired," The Landmark reported of the service.

The cost of the building was estimaed at between $4,000 and $5,000. Information is unavailable today as to the designer or builder of the temple.

Temple Emanuel is now included in a historic district. The Romanesque Revival brick synagogue is the second oldest house of worship in Statesville. Local brick was used in construction of the exterior walls which feature corbeling decorations. The four supporting corner buttresses terminate in unique buttress caps of pressed tin with the Star of David and other ornamentation.

TEMPLE INTERIOR

Most of the temple's interior features have remained unchanged from the original design and furnishings.

The detailed, hand-carved wooden Ark containing the Torah Scrolls, the wooden furnishings, and the unique painted fresco on the ceiling are attributed to the work of a Swiss-born artisan, Mr. G. Karcher, who moved to Statesville in 1875. Mounted on the Ark are two wooden tablets inscribed with the Ten Commandments. An inscription in Hebrew and English beneath the tablets reads, "KNOW BEFORE WHOM THOU STAND-EST."

The interior is illuminated by wall sconces and a brass chandelier hanging beneath the fresco. The fixtures originally were gas-fired and were later converted to electric.

Red and green panes of manufactured patterned glass made up the windows of the synagogue. The glass reportedly was imported from England. Native wood was used to construct the pews.

Ceremonial items given to the congregation over the years include the Eternal Light. The original Eternal Light was placed in the synagogue as a memorial to Mrs. John Stephany by her husband and children. It was not in the building when it was reopened in the 1950's. The Eternal Light which now hangs before the Ark was donated by the Gordon family in memory of Charlotte Gordon at the time the temple was reopened.

The silver marker used on Sabbaths and Holy Days for the reading of the Torah was donated in memory of David Wallace by the Little Helpers, in recognition of Wallace's religious instruction and Sunday School work.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Valuable and interesting documents stored at Congregation Emanuel show the respect this Jewish community enjoyed in the entire nation. Correspondence with noted rabbis of the era indicates that it was their privilege to send qualified rabbis to serve this thriving Jewish community. Further details about the religious observances, the school, and the rabbis who were involved in the teaching efforts are found in a separate chapter devoted to the school.

Before going on to subsequent years which brought much change, we might reflect on David Lieberman's conclusion that "the gesture of Statesvillian Samuel Wittkowsky that memorable morning in 1865 had far-reaching consequences that he himself could scarcely have foretold."

Zebulon B. Vance had great influence, and in his popular lectures on "The Scattered Nation," he portrayed the Jewish people in a favorable light. He may well have shaped North Carolinians' attitude toward its Jewish citizens, making it easier for those who settled here later to prosper and contribute to the progress and prosperity of the area.

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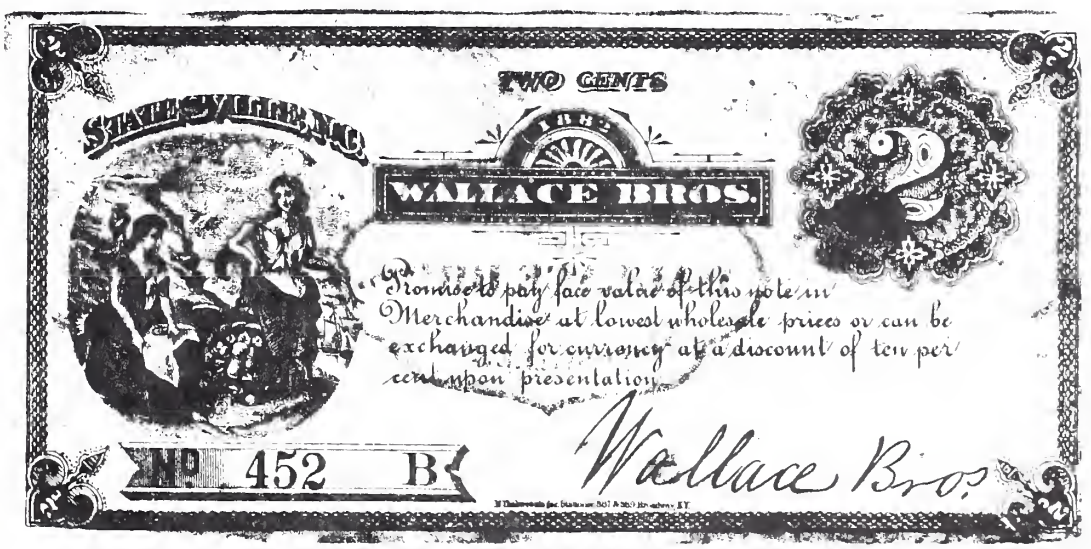
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WALLACE BROS.
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No. 452 B
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"The empty synagogue stands with beckoning hand, but the few people left come to Charlotte to attend services. The record of the Jewish community of Statesville, North Carolina, is the reverse of the usual pattern of steady growth. Here is a community that was once among the largest and most influential in the State, but economic growth extended in other directions. It is interesting to note that the position of Statesville as a general community runs parallel with the influence and size of its Jewish community, and at the time when the Jewish community there was very influential, Statesville itself was one of the most important cities in the State of North Carolina."

Excerpt from "The History of the Jewish Community in Statesville, N. C."
by Henrietta Wallace
The Carolina Israelite
December 1952

Constitution and By Laws of Congregation Emanuel of Statesville North Carolina

Organized August 19. 1883.

Constitution of Congregation Emanuel

Article I

The name of the Congregation shall be Congregation Emanuel of Statesville N.C.

Article II

Any member of the House of Israel, of the age of thirteen years of good Moral character, shall be eligible for Membership but shall not be entitled to vote or hold office until he attains the age of eighteen.

Article III

The Congregation shall be governed by a President, Vice President and Secretary and Treasuer, and these officers shall be Trustees of this Congregation

Article IV

Any member who has been associated with the Congregation six months previous to an election, and not indebted to the Congregation up to the Quarterly Meeting prior to an election, shall be elegible for any office at the disposal of the Congregation

Article V

Election of Officers

Section 1 The election for officers shall take place on the first Sunday in August

Section 2. The election for officers shall be by ballot and the candidate receiving a majority of all votes cast shall be declared duly elected; and should an office become vacant from any cause whatever, the presiding officer shall order an election for such office within thirty days of such vacancy

Article VI Duties of President

Section 1 The President shall preside at all the meetings of the Congregation, and shall have entire control of the Synagogue during divine service.

Section 2. He shall be empowered to call Special meetings of the Congregation, or of the Board of Trustees whenever he deems it necessary

Section 3. At the request of three members presenting a written application he shall call a meeting of the Board of Trustees or of the Congregation, at the option of such applicants. The application shall state the object for which such meeting is required. The meeting shall not be delayed over three days after such application has been tendered

Section 4 He may vote at elections, on all other occations he shall have the casting vote

Section 5 He shall not take any responsibility in doing anything unauthorized by the Constitution or By Laws, without the consent of a Majority of the Trustees.

Section 6 He shall keep a copy of the balance Sheet for future reference which the Secretary

shall furnish at each quarterly meeting.
Section 7. He shall keep an inventory of all property of the Congregation
Section 8. He shall keep a check book for the purpose of drawing regular orders, each of which must be numbered successively, and contain an exact statement for which the money is applied. In the margin of the check book opposite the number, it shall contain the date, and for what purpose the money has been applied, every order thus drawn must be endorsed by the Secretary
Section 9. At the expiration of his office, he shall deliver to his successor in office all property, papers and documents in his custody, appertaining to his office.
Section 10. The president shall be Ex Officio Member of all Standing Committees

Article VII

Duties of Vice President

Section 1. During the absence of the President, he shall perform all the duties of President, and be entitled to the same honors.

Article VIII

Trustees

Section 1. The Trustees of the Congregation shall consist of the President, Vice President and Secretary & Treasurer and they shall have the management of the Congregation. and be called the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. In the absence of the President or Vice President the Sec & Treas shall preside.
Section 3. All "Safneem" and all other property shall be under the control of the Trustees, unless otherwise ordered by three fourths of the Congregation.
Section 4. It shall be their province to see that the entire interests of the Congregation shall suffer no detriment from any cause whatever.
Section 5. They shall assist the President or Presiding officer in preserving order during divine Service, and on all other occasions.
Section 6. They shall make arrangements for conducting divine Service throughout the year.
Section 7. They shall keep a faithful record of their deliberations. The minutes of their conventions shall shall be placed on the ordinary minute book, and be read in conjunction with the other minutes at the meetings of the Congregation.
Section 8. They shall appoint two Auditors to examine the Sec & Treas books, at least one week previous to the Yearly meeting.
Section 9. The Board of Trustees shall control the entire property of the Congregation and shall Sign all Contracts or other instruments, on the part of the Congregation.

Section 10 They shall have the power to relieve a member from paying his regular dues, in part or whole, without being deprived of all rights and privileges, if application is made either personally or in writing, stating cause, provided such petitioner has been a member of good standing in the congregation for one year, they may however at any subsequent period, reinstate him as a full paying member.
Section 11. They may appropriate for extraordinary purposes any sum not to exceed $10.00
Section 12. They shall accept the resignation of a member if offered in writing, provided all his dues are paid, if he is in arrears, his resignation may only be accepted if his arrears be remitted by them.

Article IX
Duties of Secretary & Treasurer

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Sec & Treas to attend all the meetings of the congregation.
Section 2 He shall keep a complete Set of books
Section 3. His Ledger shall contain a complete list of the members and their accounts also a debit and credit account of his transactions for the Congregation.
Section 4. He shall receive all moneys due the congregation.
Section 5. He shall keep a regular Cash book and shall enter all receipts and expenditures, with the proper dates thereof.
Section 6 One week previous to the yearly meeting he shall submit his accounts to the auditors appointed to examine same
Section 7. At the quarterly and yearly meetings he shall furnish a copy of his balance sheet.
Section 8. He shall take charge of all moneys and notes of the Congregation.
Section 9 He shall pay all orders signed by the President.
Section 10 He shall have every members account ready for collection at all meetings for the purpose of collection.
Section 11. He shall give every member a receipt upon payment of their indebtedness.
Section 12. At every ~~yearly~~ quarterly meeting he shall read a report of each members indebtedness
Section 13 It shall be his duty at the meetings to see that the newly elected Members Sign the Constitution and By Laws.
Section 14. His minute book shall contain

a full report of all resolutions passed at all Meetings, with other important items, Contained in the minutes of all well governed institutions.
Section 16. He shall keep all original resolutions on file untill the Minutes Containing the same are confirmed.
Section 16. He shall Collect the dues from all Members Quarterly, also notify the Members of all meetings. He shall also notify the Members to attend "Minyan" when any member of the Congregation require it.
Section 17. Within one week after the expiration of his office, he shall deliver to his Successor all books, papers, deeds, Moneys, Valuables, and all other things belonging to his office, which are the property of the Congregation and held by him during his Secretary & Treasurership.

Article XI
Meetings

Section 1. There shall be quarterly meet: of the Congregation, to be held as follows,
The first Sunday in November
The first Sunday in February
The first Sunday in May
The first Sunday in Augst
Should any of the foregoing Sunda: n
Yomkove the Meeting shall be postponed until the following Sunday
Section 2. [illegible]

Constitute a quorum at a General or regular Meeting
Section 3. The following shall be the order of the proceedings at the Annual, Quarterly, Adjourned, and Special Meetings

Annual Meetings

1 Roll Call
2 Reading of Minutes
3 Collecting of dues
4 Report of the state of finances
5 Report of Members indebtedness
6 Report of Committees
7 Unfinished business
8 New business
9 Election of Officers
10 Election of Mem: s
11 Adjournment

Quarterly Meeting

1 Roll Call
2 Reading of Minutes
3 Collection of dues
4 Report of the state of finances
5 Report of Members indebtedness
6 Report of Committees
7 Unfinished business
8 New business
9 Election of Members
10 Adjournment

Special and Adjourned Meetings

1 Roll Call

2 Report of Committees
3 Unfinished business
4 New Business
5 Election of Members
6 Adjournment

Section 4. Within 15 Minutes after the time appointed for Meetings, the President or presiding officer Shall call the meeting to order, and the proceedings Shall take place in regular form, as provided in Section 3 of present article

Section 5 No Member Shall leave the Meeting when organized, without permission of the presiding officer

Section 6. All Motions, resolutions, and report of Committees must be Submitted in writing

Section 7 None but Members shall be present at Meetings, unless they receive permission by Vote of a Majority of the Members present

Article XII
Elections

Section 1 No one can be elected to any office, Unless they are present at the election, or Send their acceptance in writing, certifying their willingness to Stand as a Candidate, for the office they are willing to accept

Article XIII

Section 1 Desirable persons desirous of joining the Congregation, shall Send a letter

declaaring Such intention, over his own Signature. Ten dollors (10^{00}) initiation fee must accompany the same

Section 2. After the Candidates letter is read, he shall be balloted for, and upon receiving a Majority of Votes, he shall be declared elected a Member of the Congregation, and enrolled among the Members.

Section 3 If there are any printed copies of the By Laws on hand, he shall be presented with a copy of the same

Section 4 He shall Sign the Constitution and By Laws by the next Meeting following his election

Section 5. Should he neglect or refuse to Sign the Constitution and By Laws, by the Second Meeting following his election, he shall at the option of a Majority of the Trustees, cease to be considered a Member of the Congregation.

Article XIV
Members

Section 1. All elected candidates who have Signed the Constitutes, and complied with the requirements of the foregoing Article, Shall be considered members, and they shall have a right to vote on all questions

Section 2. Any member being 3 months in arrears shall be notified by the Secretary

if Six months in arrears shall be suspended and if for twelve months shall be expelled, in the latter instance 30 days notice in writing shall be given by Secretary.

Section 3 Any Member resigning on account of actual removal from the City, may be reinstated by the Board of Trustees.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of Members to attend "Minyon" and funerals taking place in the family of each Member, or being Summoned by the President.

Article XV

Dues

Section 1. The dues to the Congregation shall be decided at each Annual Meeting in August and in no case less than $5.00.

Section 2. Should any Member offend an officer while in the discharge of his duties, or should any Member violate the laws of the Congregation, he shall be Summoned before the Board of Trustees; they shall investigate the charges brought against him; if proven, they shall have the power to inflict a penalty upon him, not a sum not exceeding twenty dollars.

Section 3. Every Member of the Congregation can lose the rights of Membership through certain offences which are not described in the By Laws.

Article XVI

Duties of Minister

Section 1. The Minister shall be present at every Service, and in proper time, perform all religious ceremonies pertaining to his office; shall attend at all Funerals and deliver Sermons when required by the family of the deceased; shall visit all sick Jewish families, and perform funeral services when required.

Article XVII

Amendments

Section 1. Any proposition to alter, amend or repeal the foregoing Constitution, or any portion thereof, shall be made in writing, at a Meeting of the Board of Trustees, and shall lay over thirty days before being acted upon, when it shall require a Majority of the Board of Trustees to submit the proposition to the Congregation. Any such proposition being brought before the Congregation, shall require a two-thirds vote of the Members present for its adoption.

Section 2. All rules, laws and regulations must be in conformity with Judaism and with the laws of the State of North Carolina.

By Laws

By Laws

Article 1

Section 1. No question shall be stated, unless Moved and Seconded by two members, nor open for debate, unless stated by the President; and when a question is before the Congregation, or Board of Trustees, no motion shall be received, unless to go into Committee of the whole, to amend, to refer, the previous question, to postpone, to lay on the table or adjourn, the last three of which shall be decided without debate, and are always in order

Section 2. After any question has been decided, except one of indefinite postponement, any Member who voted in the affirmative, may at the same Meeting give notice that he will move a reconsideration, but no debate on the Main question shall be allowed, unless reconsidered.

Section 3. All questions untill otherwise ordered, shall be determined by a Majority of votes.

Section 4. Every Member shall have the privilege of Speaking twice on the same Subject, limited in each instance to ten Minutes. When a Member intends to speak, he shall rise in his place and respectfully address the Chair, confine himself to the question, and avoid personalities. Should more than one Member rise at the same time, the President shall decide who is entitled to the floor, from whose decesion in this case there shall be no appeal.

Section 5. No person shall be excused from voting, unless personally interested in the decesion, or by a Majority of the Members present.

Section 6. In all cases of ballot, the President may vote; in other cases he shall not vote unless there be a tie.

Section 7. Every resolution shall be in writing with the Movers name attached thereto, which shall be recorded on the Minutes.

Section 8 The Yeas and Nays may be Called at the request of three Members.

Section 9. Previous to an election the President shall appoint two Tellers, whose duty it shall be to receive and count the Votes, and announce the result to the President who shall declare the Candedate receiving a Majority of the votes cast to be elected.

Section 10 This Congregation shall not be dissolved, so long as ten Members remain to Meet and perform the object for which the Congregation was organized

Section 11. No Seat holder or Member is

allowed to take any Male Member of the House of Israel, over the age of eighteen Years, in their pews unless they are Strangers, so that all Israelites in the City and vicinity can become Seat-holders.

Section 12. Annual renting of pews and seats shall be regulated at each annual Meeting in August. The Minimum price being 2^{50} for Single Seat and 5^{00} for pew

Article II.

Section 1. Every one who enters the Synagogue must repair to his seat in a quiet and becoming manner.

Section 2. All Conversation during Service is strictly prohibited.

Section 3 Every one must endeavor to be in his seat in the Synagogue before Service commences, and there remain until the Service is concluded.

Section 4 Every one must Conform strictly to the regulations respecting the times when the Congregation is Standing or Sitting.

Section 5. No one is allowed to endeavor to preserve order, except the President or those specially designated by him for that purpose

Section 6 During the recitation of those prayers which are exclusively for the Minister the Congregation must

Maintain perfect Silence

Section 7. No one is permitted to anticipate, or chime in with the Minister or Choir.

Article III

Section 1. The Salaries of paid officers shall be fixed by the Board of Trus-

To understand what happened to the vibrant Jewish community after 1900, we are fortunate to have a vivid description by a talented member of the Wallace family, Miss Henrietta Wallace. We quote from her article entitled "The History of the Jewish Community of Statesville, N.C.," December 1952 issue of The Carolina Israelite:

> "Following the 1900's, the Jewish population gradually moved from Statesville to other places. Prohibition came into being, which crippled the liquor business. The older members of the Jewish group passed away. During World War I, Dr. S. Wallace Hoffmann and Frank & Jack Wallace served in the Army. The latter was injured. During this time, Mr. Louis Gordon came to Statesville from High Point. He started a scrap iron and metal business here, which has thrived, plus a furniture business. Mr. Gordon's sons are associated with him. Twenty years ago, the Steinberger family came to Statesville and are in the furniture line also. Mr. William Wallace, son of David, passed away in 1937. The Wallace Bros. Wholesale House was dissolved in 1935. Mr. Isidore Wallace, another son in the botanical interests, also passed away. The famed herbarium gave way to age and was torn down. Mr. Sig Wallace, son of Isaac, also in the botanical business, and who owned his own herbarium, passed away in 1942. World War II affected the Jewish population here greatly. Some new families had moved to Statesville and were in the service. The following men from Statesville served in various branches of the Armed Forces:
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> Julius Aronson
> William Hoffmann
> George Weil
> Gordon Wallace
> Jack Baer
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> "The Jewish population was rather transient and small. In the early 1940's the Henry Weil family came and also the A. Rochlin family. The main occupations of the Jewish population in 1952 are the textile, veneer, jewelry, furniture, and ready-to-wear businesses."

In the years from the early 1900's to 1952, Miss Wallace points out that while the group was too small to support a temple, "much has been contributed to the culture, growth, and progress of Statesville by various members of our Jewish people." She mentions, for instance, that:

- Dr. and Mrs. Hoffmann were active in the Red Cross for many years.

- The Piedmont Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, with membership predominantly in Salisbury and Statesville, also contributed to the war effort.

- The Mimosa Lodge of B'nai B'rith, later the Glenn Zerden Lodge, a Hickory/Statesville chapter, was active during World War II.

More intensive research revealed that in 1923 only six Jewish families were left to attend worship services in Temple Emanuel. Officers in 1923 were:

J. W. Hoffmann, President
William Wallace, Vice President
Sig Wallace, Secretary/Treasurer

Religious services stopped, and residents of that period traveled to other communities. Since so many were in retail businesses, this was a hardship. Adherence to Judaism was dependent upon home observances and close family contacts with relatives in larger, active Jewish communities. The history of the religious school also reveals the efforts of the individual families to preserve their heritage. To inculcate Jewish values and provide social contacts, parents also traveled to nearby communities to permit their young people to share in Jewish youth group activities, dances, and other get-togethers.

NOTE: Congregation Emanuel was maintained by Dr. S. Wallace Hoffmann and a Board of Trustees. The temple was closed, but records indicate that the lobby of the building was used by other religious factions. In 1923 the Men's Bible Class of First Presbyterian Church used the temple for their "Sunday morning work." The house next to the synagogue, which had been bought originally for the resident rabbi's use, was rented out, with receipts going into the Federated Fund for Jewish Charities administered by Dr. S. Wallace Hoffmann.

More specific information about Jewish families of Statesville may be of interest:

- Dr. Hoffmann lived in Statesville all of his life and married Leah Stephany on October 26, 1922, during this dormant period. Their sons John and William were born and educated in Statesville. Dr. and Mrs. Hoffmann's involvement in civic, philanthropic, cultural, and educational endeavors is well-known.

- The Wallace family history was documented by Miss Henrietta Wallace and quoted herein. We might add that members of the original family continue to live in Statesville. Miss Connie Wallace married Jules Aronson on December 25, 1941, and they established Wallace Jewelers in 1946. Their daughters, Sieglinda and Joanne, were born in Statesville towards the end of these "quiet years." Jules Aronson was actively involved with the reopening of the temple; he was the first vice president and then president. He was also active as a city councilman in the 1970's. The Wallaces are now retired. Miss Henrietta Wallace died tragically in Charlotte on October 31, 1981. The outpouring of sympathy from the whole Piedmont region emphasized what a beloved person she was.

- Remaining from the Stephany family were the two sisters, Mrs. Leah Stephany Hoffmann (Mrs. S. Wallace Hoffmann) and Miss Rose Stephany, who lived in Statesville during this period. Rose Stephany was a music teacher and was held in high esteem. She died shortly after the temple was reopened. Mrs. Hoffmann is the matriarch of the congregation at this writing.

- Supplementing the information already included on the Gordon family: Mr. Louis Gordon founded the furniture business and scrap yard in 1917. He married Charlotte Schechter of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on February 14, 1922. Their five sons were born here: Melvin in 1922; Ellis in 1925; Saul in 1928; Alfred in 1930; and Kalman in 1937. Mrs. Charlotte Schechter Gordon died on April 8, 1951.

- Milton Steinberger and his wife Irene, sister of Louis Gordon, came to Statesville in 1933 and bought Statesville Salvage Company. Their sons Norman and Stanley were born in Statesville in 1934 and 1936, respectively. They also grew up in Statesville and now manage the family business.

Interviews with local residents reveal that the Gordons and Steinbergers have quietly done their share of "good deeds" (mitzvot), as is the Jewish way.

THE JEWISH POPULATION INCREASED

By the time efforts were accelerated to reopen the temple, more Jewish families had moved to the Statesville area. All of these families had a tremendous impact on the development of the renewed Congregation Emanuel:

- Max and Florence Lerner moved to Taylorsville and opened a clothing store. Their son Jack was born there in 1951. Daughter Rhonda was born in 1955.

- The Schneider brothers, Isadore and Albert, completed their mill in Taylorsville in 1947, and the Albert Schneiders moved into the area in 1951. Albert and Jacquie's son Joshua was 2 years old at the time; their daughter Caroline was born January 1952, and daughter Jennifer was born in January 1959.

- Albert and Rose Gruenhut and their son Steven moved to Statesville in 1952.

- Elliott and Jean Cohen came in 1953. Their daughter Deborah was the first baby born at Iredell Memorial Hospital. Their daughter Cynthia was born about three years later and their son Samuel in 1962.

- Theodore and Esther Sohn also came to Statesville in 1953 with their children Robert, 14, and Patty, 11.

- Joseph and Sally Jay moved to the Statesville area in the early 1950's and established a blouse manufacturing operation.

- David and Faye Lester moved to Statesville after their daughter Gene married Saul Gordon in 1950. They opened a dress shop.

- Dr. and Mrs. Allan Lurie relocated here, where Dr. Lurie was a physician and Mrs. Lurie taught in the local schools. (Mrs. Lurie is a sister of Barbara Gordon.)

- Robert Kalman, who had a knitting operation, was here.

The need for a synagogue became greater as the number of Jewish families increased. The Gordon sons joined the family business upon completion of their education; three of them married during this "quiet period" and founded their own families. Saul Gordon married Gene Lester, daughter of David and Faye Lester, on August 2, 1950; Ellis Gordon married Barbara Fried, daughter of Samuel and Irene Fried, on July 21, 1951; and Alfred Gordon married Rona Summerfield, daughter of Louis and Geraldine Summerfield, on May 31, 1953. These young families made their homes in Statesville. Barry Gordon, son of Ellis and Barbara Gordon, was born February 12, 1953. Charlotte Gordon, daughter of Saul and Gene Gordon, was born October 7, 1953.

Jewish residents who were part of this period recall that a great debt of gratitude is due Mr. I. D. Blumenthal of Charlotte, N.C., who not only made a sizable contribution to get the temple reopened, but also stood by with encouragement and advice. He later subsidized the successful Circuit-Riding Rabbi Program.

Minutes of Congregation Emanuel, written by Dr. S. Wallace Hoffmann, indicate that in September 1953, Mr. I. D. Blumenthal of Charlotte, president of N. C. Association of Jewish Men, presented the Circuit-Riding Rabbi Project to the Jews of Statesville. This project was sponsored by the N. C. Association of Jewish Men to aid small communities. As a result of this, $500.00 was subsidized.

A NEW ERA IN JEWISH COMMUNAL LIFE

On October 27, 1953, the following Jewish men gathered at the home of Milton Steinberger: Louis Gordon and his sons Melvin, Ellis, Saul, and Alfred; Milton Steinberger; Theodore Sohn; Albert Gruenhut; Albert Schneider; David Lester; Joseph Jay; Elliott Cohen; Jules Aronson; and Dr. Hoffmann.

Dr. Hoffmann recorded:

> "It was agreed to consider the Circuit-Riding Rabbi proposition in conjunction with a plan to repair the temple in order to hold regular services.
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> "It was further agreed that the property of Congregation Emanuel was vested in the present trustees and would so continue. Pledges totaled about $2,000 and committees were appointed."

A sum of $1,000 was set aside for the Circuit-Riding Rabbi Project.

At a later meeting held on January 4, 1954 at the home of Louis Gordon, which was also attended by Jack Baer and Herman Wallace, Mr. Gordon of the building committee reported that $2,000 would be needed to repair the synagogue. This included painting, plumbing, new wiring, heating, plastering, and painting the roof. Those assembled voted to proceed.

A VIBRANT NEW ERA HAD BEGUN!

THE REOPENING AND REDEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE

Henrietta Wallace's wish in December 1952, expressed in her memorable article in The Carolina Israelite, was close to realization:

> "Let us hope that the time, population and circumstance will re-create the religious and Jewish cultural life of old in Statesville. And may the descendants of those who have gone, carry the banner of Judaism in their hearts with pride and with thanks for the richness of their heritage."

Migration of Northern industry brought an influx of Jewish families to Statesville. There was a surge of hope, renewal, and determination to reopen the temple.

In an article in the Times-Outlook, Mrs. Milton Steinberger traced the exciting developments:

> "The sense of solidarity between each individual Jew and the entire Jewish people is reawakened when there is a house of worship in their faith. A renewed interest in all phases of Jewish life was evident when we joined the Circuit-Riding Rabbi Project which was inaugurated in July 1954. A religious school was organized and the Ladies Auxiliary of Temple Emanuel was formed ... and our population of Jewish families increased."

The Statesville Record & Landmark, July 29, 1954, carried a front-page picture and article entitled "Statesville Gets Nation's Only Circuit-Riding Rabbi." He was Rabbi Harold A. Friedman, age 35.

On his first visit, July 27, 1954, the new rabbi was accompanied by Mr. I.D. Blumenthal. They dined at the Aronson home and conducted a short Maariv service for about forty people. He and Mr. Blumenthal stayed overnight at the Louis Gordon home and then saw the work being done in renovating the temple. The rabbi concluded:

> "Thus, this very historic and challenging work began on this day in the City of Statesville, N.C."

Rabbi Friedman visited again on August 11, 1954, when he stayed at the Hoffmann home. About forty people attended a meeting and a conservative service. Mr. Sam Fried (father of Mrs. Allan Lurie and Mrs. Ellis Gordon) gave $50.00 towards the purchase of prayer books. Teachers who volunteered were Mrs. Allan Lurie, Mrs. Ellis Gordon, Mrs. Joe Jay, and Miss Henrietta Wallace (substitute). Five children were enrolled.

On September 1, 1954, Rabbi Friedman noted with great emotion:

> "This was a very historic occasion, as it was the first time in about 31 years that a regular worship service was held in the temple. Dr. S. Wallace Hoffmann made the opening remarks, and then we all made the brocha `Shehecheeyonoo,' thanking God for preserving us in life and permitting us to reach this season when we could again worship Him in our temple."

The rabbi also noted that a Torah Scroll belonging to the Hickory congregation for safekeeping at Temple Israel, Charlotte, would be used by the Statesville congregation until Hickory requested its return.

On his next visit, Rabbi Friedman happily observed that the temple was constantly being improved and that the prayer books had arrived. "All the necessary items," he said, "have been bought and are installed. The temple is an inspiration to us and the community, and will be ready for the High Holy Days 5715, September 28 and 29, 1954."

The Holy Day booklet for 5715, 1954/1955, is preserved and lists as officers:

Herman Wallace, President
Jules Aronson, Vice President
Dr. S. W. Hoffmann, Secretary/Treasurer

Ladies Auxiliary officers at the time of the Holy Day services were:

Mrs. S. W. Hoffmann, President
Mrs. Milton Steinberger, Vice President
Miss Henrietta Wallace, Treasurer
Mrs. Alfred Gordon, Secretary

Sabbath services were to be held every Friday evening at 8 P.M. and religious school classes for children every Sunday at 11 A.M.

The euphoria of those High Holy Days! Inspiring services were conducted by Rabbi Harold A. Friedman and Cantor Julius Rosenstein of Miami Beach, Florida. Sixty-five people attended, including such distinguished guests as Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Blumenthal, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Goodman, and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Sutker.

Mr. Louis Gordon arranged with the local radio station to have Rabbi Friedman tape a 15-minute Yom Kippur program, which was played over the local radio station on Tuesday, October 5, 1954, at 7:15 P.M.

THE REACTIVATED CONGREGATION WAS OFF TO A MEMORABLE START....

"In actual life every great enterprise begins with and takes its first forward step in faith."

August Schlegel

Other small Jewish communities in North Carolina were not as fortunate as Congregation Emanuel. They did not have a synagogue standing ready, and their needs were met largely due to Mr. Blumenthal's inspiring efforts.

On March 27, 1955, 4 Nisan 5715, the Dedication Service of the Circuit-Riding Rabbi Bus took place at Amity Country Club, Charlotte, N. C., with Steven Gruenhut of Congregation Emanuel Religious School participating.

The Circuit-Riding Bus was fully furnished and also equipped with an eternal light, an ark to hold the scrolls, and a library of Judaic books. The Hickory newspaper recorded that "area residents will be given an opportunity to view a very modern house of worship, representing one of the oldest extant religions in the world." The article explained that the blue and white $15,000 vehicle would serve about 1,000 Jews scattered in small communities across North Carolina and into the edge of South Carolina - "a synagogue on wheels."

The rabbi planned to complete his 1,400 mile circuit every two weeks, rolling into nineteen small towns. It was estimated that Jews from some 30 communities would journey to the towns where the bus would stop in order to attend services, bring their children for religious instruction, and participate in adult education classes.

Rabbi and Mrs. Harold A. Friedman made Statesville their home and "headquarter city." Communities listed among those along the circuit were Hickory, Hendersonville, Mt. Gilead-Albemarle, Rock Hill, S. C., Lumberton, Whiteville, and Jacksonville.

Over the years Jewish Centers and synagogues were built, but the Circuit-Riding Rabbi Program is still in effect. North Carolina Jewry can be proud of this innovative achievement.

He dedicated his life to humanity.
To promoting fellowship;
To communicating the spirit of
brotherhood among all men.

Such a man gives his life's blood
so that others may grow and build
on his foundation.

He is a giant among giants.
Few encounter such a man in their
lifetime.
We were fortunate that our lives
were touched by him.

I.D. BLUMENTHAL

1894 - 1978

As we celebrate our Centennial, Congregation Emanuel is grateful for the encouragement and support of the Blumenthal Foundation and the assistance I.D. Blumenthal gave us when we reopened our temple in the early 1950's.

He left a precious heritage, "miracles", as he called them:

- The Circuit-Riding Rabbi Program, which gave us our start when we reopened the temple. The program is still viable - the only one of its kind.

- The Blumenthal Jewish Home at Clemmons, which ranks among the best in the nation. It has already provided shelter and care for quite a few family members of our own congregants.

- Wildacres, a complex atop the mountains at Little Switzerland, N. C., where religious and cultural groups of all faiths and races gather to study.

I.D. Blumenthal will not be forgotten. He is a man worth emulating; he was a "mentsch."

"He who honors the Torah
is honored by mankind."
(Sayings of the Fathers 4:6)

"The beginning and the end
of Torah is performing acts
of loving kindness."
(Talmud Sotah 14a)

When the temple was closed, two Torah Scrolls were in the Oren Kodesh. In time, these were used by other Jewish congregations.

When a new congregation was formed in Fredricksburg, Virginia, Mrs. Ida Clarke Hirsch, who grew up in Statesville, requested one of those Torah Scrolls. This same old scroll is still being used there in a synagogue very much like our own. The Fredricksburg congregation feels very much indebted to Congregation Emanuel.

The second Torah Scroll was lent to Hillel at Chapel Hill during the time that it was not in use in Statesville. When the temple reopened, Hillel was approached for the return of the original scroll, but it could not be located and B'nai B'rith replaced the Torah.

Rather than shipping by commercial carriers, Torahs have traditionally been CARRIED by Jewish men from one place to another --- and so it was done here in Statesville:

Max Lerner picked up the B'nai B'rith Torah Scroll in New York and carried it to Statesville -- while riding on the Southern Railroad.

Our other beautiful Torah Scroll was donated by Isadore and Albert Schneider, in loving memory of their father - together with the magnificent breastplate and embroidered cover.

In keeping with tradition, this Torah was entrusted to Nat Lipshitz, who was moving his family from New Jersey to Statesville. The Lipshitz family vividly recalls that they did not come directly to North Carolina but made a number of side trips to historical sites along the way. The Torah was with them all the while, and Nat slept with one eye open to make sure there was no chance that the Torah Scroll would be stolen or damaged before it was presented to Congregation Emanuel.

Rabbi Harold A. Friedman's records reveal that a Torah Scroll belonging to the Hickory congregation, placed for safekeeping with Temple Israel, Charlotte, was used by the Statesville congregation prior to the acquisition of above scrolls - to be returned to the Hickory congregation on request.

THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

"He who teaches a child is
as though he had created it."
(Talmud)

Judaism commands us to place a high priority and emphasis on the teaching of our children. From its inception to date, Congregation Emanuel has followed this dictate. We note from literature circulated by the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men, Charlotte, N. C. (1954):

"The ultimate goal of the curriculum of the Religious School is to educate and train our boys and girls in the Jewish religion and cultural traditions so that they will become well adjusted to our Jewish heritage and to our way of life. The program is aimed at preparing the pupil for Jewish living in a modern world and developing in the child a normal relationship with the Jewish community and the community at large." In the records of our congregation, going back about 100 years, we have read that "Rabbi Julius Mayerberg was brought from New York State to teach the children and conduct services." That was in 1883. There is no mention as to how long this arrangement was carried out, but it is apparent that the religious teaching of the children of Congregation Emanuel continued under Rabbi S. Tyor. The same historical document, written by Dr. S. Wallace Hoffmann, tells us that "on the departure of Rabbi S. Tyor, David Wallace served as lay rabbi of the Congregation.... Sig Wallace and Mr. Stephany were also devoted teachers in the Sunday School."

While the records are not entirely clear from this time until approximately 1923 when the Congregation became inactive, we can be certain that Rabbi Jacob Klein taught during his tenure on the pulpit, and after his departure, parents and visiting rabbis carried on this function.

We find a nostalgic note written by Mrs. J. H. Wallace Hoffmann (Fannie): "My father, the late David Wallace, was so interested in carrying on that before he passed on to the `great beyond,' he requested we would make every endeavor to have services and combine our Sunday School (with those of our co-religionists from nearby towns.)"

We know from the Gordon and Steinberger families that they educated their children by taking them to High Point for religious instructions and Bar Mitzvah lessons. Norman Steinberger spent a year with his grandparents in High Point for this important training. Mr. Louis Gordon hired a rabbi to live in his home for several years to supervise the Jewish education of his sons. Melvin, Ellis, and Saul Gordon reminisce fondly of Saturday afternoons spent in the home of Dr. Hoffmann's mother, who instructed them in Judaic subjects.

In 1954, when Rabbi Harold Friedman became the Circuit-Riding Rabbi, his most important function was to conduct the religious school. He was assisted by his wife Miriam, Mrs. Allen (Norma) Lurie, Mrs. Ellis (Barbara) Gordon, and Mrs. Joe (Sally) Jay. The next year, Nat Lipshitz and Steven Gruenhut took over some of the responsibilities.

When Rabbi Eli Gottesman became the Circuit-Riding Rabbi in November 1956, he took charge of the religious school. He was assisted by Mrs. Ellis (Barbara) Gordon, Mrs. Elliott (Jean) Cohen, and Mrs. Herbert (Carolyn) Sosnik. Mrs. Leonard (Ruth) Polk, upon her arrival in Statesville, taught Hebrew after school in the kitchen of her home during the week.

These devoted volunteer mothers (and also some fathers), with the assistance of rabbis from surrounding communities and the visiting student rabbis, established the format of our religious school in Statesville as we know it today.

Studying our records, we find it would be impossible to list all our teachers over the past decades since we can proudly state that most of our parents and teenagers gave wholeheartedly of their time and talents to provide a meaningful and excellent religious school education. However, we would be remiss if we did not point out the contributions of Ruth Polk, who was principal and Hebrew teacher for a period of more than a dozen years; Bea Katz, who taught Hebrew over a span of a great number of years and also served as principal; Sol Ludwig, who was principal and confirmation class teacher for many years; Muriel Ludwig, Toby Gordon, and Barbara Winthrop, who served as principal and taught; Beverly Silberman, who also taught Hebrew for several years. We were grateful to Bobby Stern, who traveled in from Winston-Salem to teach Hebrew to our children for a period of two years. He was a professional teacher. Again we cannot mention everyone, but all our volunteer teachers' contributions are appreciated.

For the past several years, Mrs. Larry (Joanne) Rosenfeld, who has professional training, has been both principal and Hebrew teacher. With the help of her husband Larry, her parents Ruth and Edward Goldstein, and others, she has brought great enthusiasm, energy, and an admirable degree of professionalism to our school. Rabbi Robert Seigel has achieved great rapport with our youngsters, which is highly valued.

As described by Leonard Polk, "The synergistic contributions of all the professional and volunteer teachers have left a `mark for the good' on all of the students and provided a quality Jewish education despite the small size of our community."

We salute them all - teachers, students, rabbis - for a job well done.

FROM THE MIDRASH:

> The question was asked: "How can we overcome the Jewish people?" And it was said: "Go up and down before their Houses of Study and Houses of Worship. If you do not hear the voices of their children chanting, you can overcome them. But, if you hear the chant of children, you can never subdue them."

FIRST BAR MITZVAH

The Bar Mitzvah of Steven Gruenhut, son of Albert and Rose Gruenhut, holds special significance for members of Congregation Emanuel, Jewish residents of North Carolina, and the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men as well. Mr. I. D. Blumenthal, who had been instrumental in reactivating the Jewish community, attended this important milestone occasion.

Steven Gruenhut's Bar Mitzvah on April 13, 1956 was the first one since the temple had closed about 35 years earlier. Rabbi Harold Friedman, the nation's first and only circuit-riding rabbi, visited Statesville on a regular basis when the temple reopened in August of 1954. He prepared Steven for this momentous occasion with commendable assistance from Steven's mother, Rose.

The reception, which was held in the balcony of the synagogue because the fellowship hall had not yet been added, is nostalgically remembered by the women of the congregation. The Gruenhut family entertained family, friends, and guests from nearby Jewish communities Saturday night at Statesville Woman's Club. There was rejoicing in the renewal of Jewish life in Statesville.

Steven, who now lives in Atlanta, Georgia, with his young family, commented recently that he conducted services for all the years he lived in Statesville, "except on those Friday nights when I was playing in the band"!

Many Bar/Bat Mitzvah celebrations followed over the years, often two a year. It became a tradition in Statesville for the young people to conduct the Friday night service, participate in the Sabbath morning service, read from the Torah and Haftorah, and express their commitment and appreciation. They continued to take their rightful place in the congregation and participated in the happy and sad congregational life cycle events; they also taught in our religious school.

Through the training of young people, the congregants developed a closeness and a comradeship which is unequaled in larger Jewish congregations.

Young adults' comments reveal that Congregation Emanuel has remained their "home base" and that none of the temples they now attend command the same warmth and feeling of community. They also mention the incomparable shofar blowing of Saul Gordon and miss being here for Holy Days.

We again compliment all our rabbis and the devoted lay teachers for a job well done.

WEDDINGS AT CONGREGATION EMANUEL

AND THE LORD SAID: "It is not good that man should be alone;
I will make him a help meet for him."
Genesis 3:18

In 1970, with the valuable assistance of Dr. S. Wallace Hoffmann, we traced the history of Jewish weddings at Congregation Emanuel. Dr. Hoffmann knew of one Jewish wedding at the turn of the century when Miss Sara Pincus married Sol L. Clarke, both from Statesville. As Dr. Hoffmann recalled: "Electric lights were new then in our town and frequently would go off for unknown minutes. This happened during the ceremony, and the Rabbi, Dr. E. N. Calish of Richmond, Virginia, was telling the young couple to be prepared for light and darkness as they would journey down life's pathway together. Fortunately, the lights came on at the proper time. Many of the Christian guests thought it was part of a Jewish marriage ceremony."

About ten years later, The Landmark issue of January 14, 1909 has an article fully describing the beautiful wedding of Miss Miriam Simon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Simon of Statesville, to Jake Schramick of Augusta, Georgia. Dr. Solomon of Savannah officiated. The article mentions that cut flowers, palms and ferns flanked the bimah, which was "lighted with candles." Mrs. William Hoffmann was one of the wedding musicians. Our own Mrs. S. Wallace Hoffmann, then Miss Leah Stephany, was mentioned as a member of the wedding party. Also Mr. Herbert Hoffmann, Mr. Isidore Wallace, and Miss Carrie Hoffmann were in the wedding party.

Sixty years passed before another wedding ceremony occurred in our sanctuary. On August 16, 1970, Miss Meredith Ludwig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Ludwig, married Howard Siegel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Siegel of Richmond, Virginia. Dr. Israel J. Gerber, then rabbi of Temple Beth El, Charlotte, officiated and his congregation lent the chuppah for the occasion. An article in the Statesville Record & Landmark, August 20, 1970, indicates that friends of nearby Jewish communities were invited to share in this historic event -- the first wedding in 60 years. The bride had also been the first to become Bat Mitzvah at Congregation Emanuel after the synagogue was reopened in 1954.

A Jewish wedding of interest to the Statesville community was that of Miss Yoko Ogushi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Ogushi of Nara City, Japan. On May 30, 1971, Miss Ogushi married Dennis Barron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin William Barron of Los Angeles, California. Miss Ogushi was a Japanese exchange student at Statesville Senior High School. She later continued her studies at Mitchell College. She came to the United States in 1968 under the sponsorship of the Statesville Altrusa Club. The four families with whom Miss Ogushi had made her home in Statesville were hosts for the wedding and festivities:

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kappler
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pendleton
Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Westmoreland

Of special interest is the fact that Miss Ogushi constructed a chuppah, which she donated to the congregation. (Since then, it has continued to be used for all weddings.) Again, Rabbi Israel J. Gerber officiated; and the Westmorelands acted in loco parentis and accompanied the bride to the wedding canopy.

The next year, August 13, 1972, Miss Donna Lipshitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Lipshitz, became the bride of Robert (Bobby) Steven Stern, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Stern of Charlotte, N. C. Rabbi Richard Rocklin of Temple Israel, Charlotte, officiated and Hazzan Robert Shapiro, formerly of Temple Israel, came from Toledo, Ohio to chant the ceremonial wedding music. New white velvet ceremonial ark curtains adorned the Temple, blending beautifully with the white chuppah. Donna was born in New Jersey, but had lived in Statesville since she was four. As so many of our young people do, she helped with our religious school while a high school student. Later, her husband, Bobby Stern, assumed the duties of Hebrew teacher for our children for a period of two years. A full account of the wedding can be found in the September 1972 edition of the Times Outlook.

The next bride to be married at the synagogue was born and raised in Statesville, as were her father and his brothers. Charlotte Leslie Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Saul Martin Gordon, became the wife of Mark Jeffrey Margolis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Clarence Margolis of Durham. Dr. Israel J. Gerber officiated at the Sunday candlelight ceremony, July 21, 1974. The Statesville Record & Landmark issue of July 22, 1974 describes the wedding and numerous prenuptial parties and features a picture of the beautiful young bride.

The Saul Gordons rejoiced again when their son, Craig Randolph Gordon, married Miss Lynne Shari Levine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Levine of Boca Raton, Florida, on July 17, 1982. The Levines decided to host the wedding in Statesville, since the Gordon family roots are here. Rabbi Robert Seigel officiated at the wedding in the historic Congregation Emanuel sanctuary. The extensive festivities are described in the July 19, 1982 issue of the Statesville Record & Landmark.

The most recent wedding was celebrated on May 28, 1983. Miss Rhonda Lerner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Lerner of Taylorsville, became the bride of Dr. Michael Henry Kogut, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stanley Kogut of Buffalo, New York. Rhonda was born in Taylorsville and was one of the first babies named in the synagogue in 1956 - after it was reopened. She became Bat Mitzvah in 1969 at our synagogue and now fulfilled her wish of having a traditional wedding at Congregation Emanuel. Rabbi Robert Seigel officiated. The wedding was described in the May 30, 1983 issue of the Statesville Record & Landmark.

Purim 1955

Kindergarten Class November 1956

Simchas Torah 1957

Mother's Day 1959

Religious School Assembly 1962

Father's Day Dinner June 17, 1962

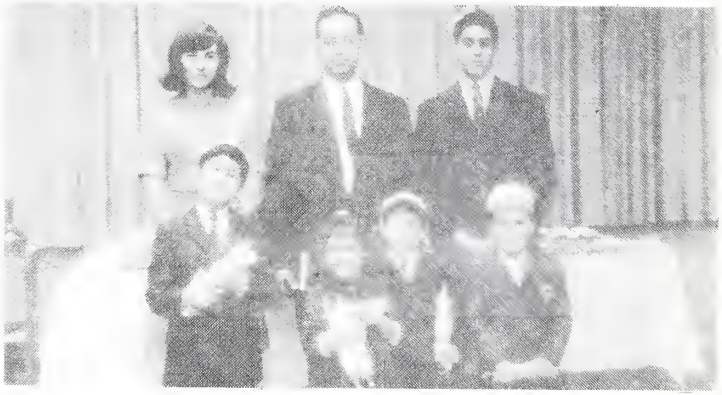
Religious School 1964

80th Birthday August 1964
Dr. Wallace Hoffmann

1965 Kindergarten Class
Religious School

Tu B'Shevat 1966

Tu B'Shevat 1966



Religious School Awards
December 1966

B'nai Brith Youth Group 1967

Mother's Day 1967

Lag Bo'Omer 1967

Purim 1968

Purim 1969

Purim 1969

B'nai Brith Youth Group Officers 1971

Hebrew Class - Silberman Home
1972

Lag Ba'Omer 1972

Lag Ba'Omer 1973

Purim 1973

B'nai Brith Youth Group 1975

Purim 1976

Mother's Day 1979

SUCCOTH 1979

Purim 1981

PASSOVER 1981

FELAFEL DAY 1981

Mother's Day 1981

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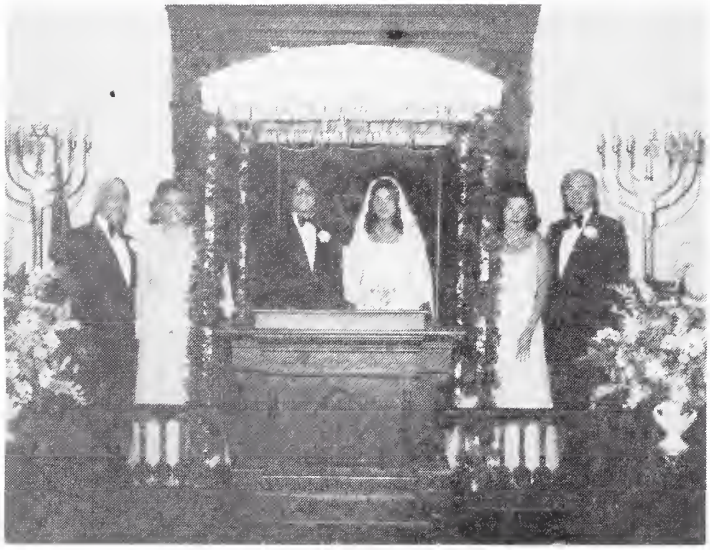
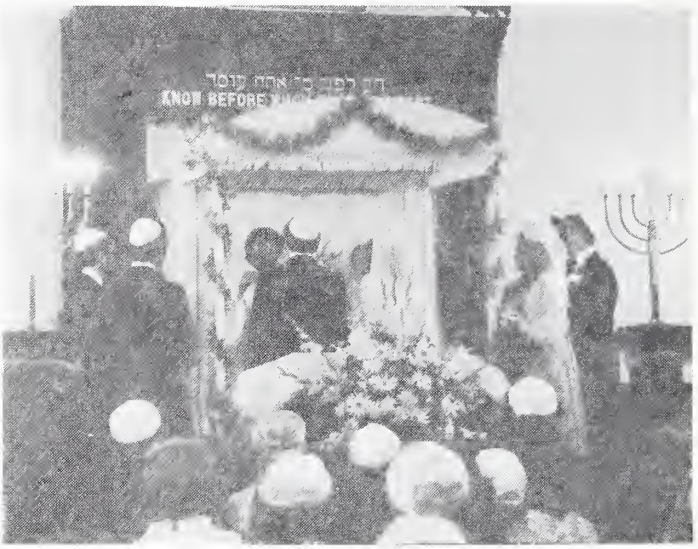
Chanukah December 1982

Purim 1983

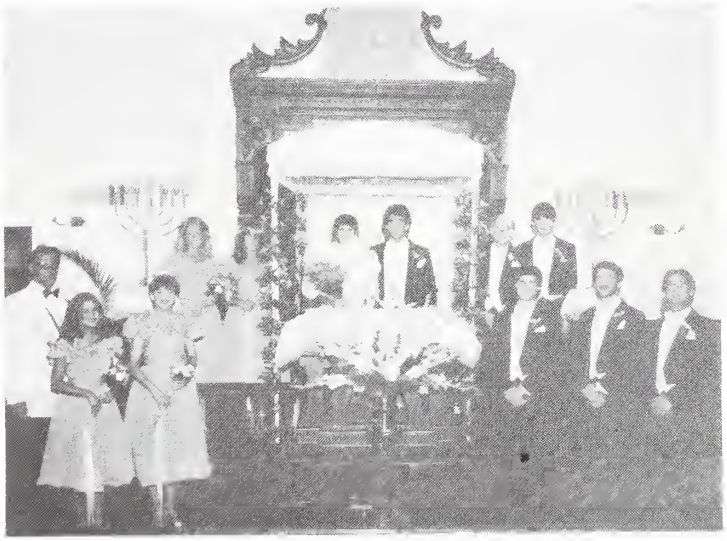
Seder April 1983



Charlotte Gordon - Mark Margolis
July 21, 1974



Donna Lipshitz - Robert Stern
August 19, 1972

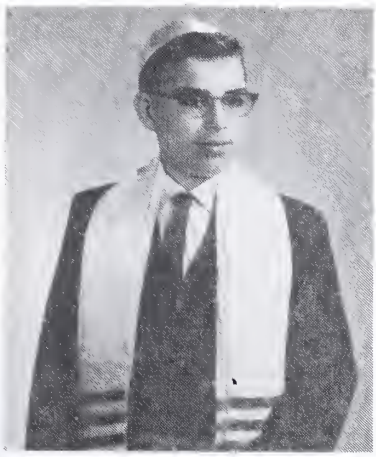


Lynne Levine - Craig Gordon
July 17, 1982

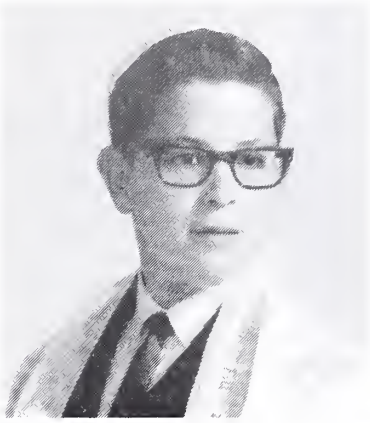
Rhonda Lerner Bride of Michael Kogut
May 28, 1983

Bar Mitzvah Stephen Gruenhut
April 13, 1956

Bar Mitzvah Paul Polk November 1962



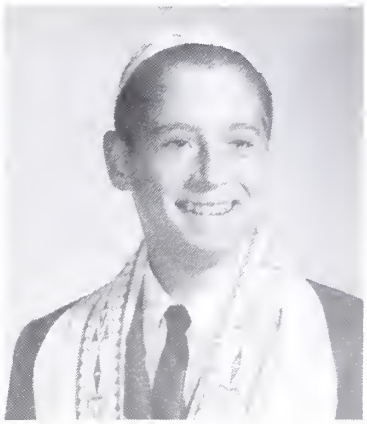
Bar Mitzvah
Mark Adler
July 1963

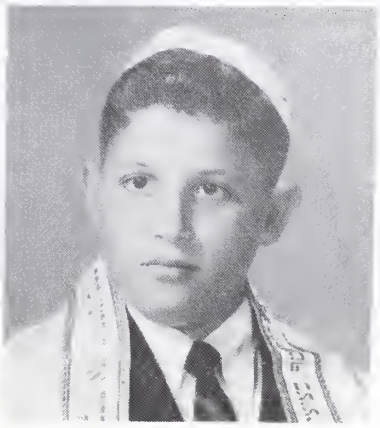


Bar Mitzvah
Martin Silberman
January 1964

Bar Mitzvah Jack Lerner
October 1964

Bar Mitzvah Edward Polk
November, 1964





Bar Mitzvah
Bruce Silberman
May 1966

Bat Mitzvah Laura Lipshitz
June 7, 1968

Bar Mitzvah Mark Gordon
March 22, 1969

Bar Mitzvah Craig Gordon
July 5, 1979

Bat Mitzvah Barbara Polk
October 1969

Bar Mitzvah Richard Gordon
May 26, 1983

Bat Mitzvah
Wendy Gordon
April 11, 1975

Bar Mitzvah Samuel Winthrop November 13, 1976

Bar Mitzvah
Lewis Gordon
December 1977

Bar Mitzvah Robert Gordon
May 14, 1978

Bar Mitzvah M. G. Lee
November 4, 1978

Bar Mitzvah Russell Winthrop
August 11, 1979

Bar Mitzvah Mark Lee
November 3, 1979

Bar Mitzvah Michael Lee
March 18, 1983

Bat Mitzvah Robin Rosenfeld
June 4, 1983

"The center and soul of all religion, the belief in a personal God, is the pillar of the religion of Israel."
Carl H. Cornill

5715
1954/1955

PRESIDENT: Jules Aronson

Herman Wallace,
President Emeritus

L.A.T.E.: Leah Hoffmann, President through 12/12/54

Irene Steinberger, President starting 1/1/55

RABBI: Harold A. Friedman

HIGH HOLY DAYS: Rabbi Friedman and Cantor Julius Rosenstein of Miami Beach, Florida.

NEW MEMBERS:

Joyce and Nat Lipshitz
and daughters Martha (age 6) and Donna (age 4), who have been valuable members ever since.

The memorable High Holy Days, already described, were followed by traditional, enthusiastic observations of all the holidays. The young rabbi, who kept a complete journal, described the joy of the first Simchas Torah and the children's first exposure to a lulav and esrog.

Heating problems plagued the temple and when the building was not warm enough, the religious school met in the homes of parents.

Chanukah was celebrated with a combined program, bringing the youngsters from Hickory to the Statesville temple. Pictures are preserved of the rabbi playing "Chanukah Elf." The local paper carried an account of the Chanukah observance.

The community showed continued interest in the reactivated Jewish temple:

- In January, Rabbi Harold A. Friedman, accompanied by Dr. Hoffmann and Jules Aronson, talked to a group of women from the First Baptist Church on Jewish History and Holidays.
- In February 1955, we had the first Brotherhood Week observance, to be followed by several in years to come.
- In May the rabbi was invited to speak to the local Lion's Club and was introduced by Hugh Mitchell, a former senator.
- Also the Circuit-Riding Rabbi Bus was open to the public in downtown Statesville, with coverage in the local press.

- Purim celebrated ... and the Elliott Cohens donated a bulletin board.

- Pessach - a model seder at the home of the Sohns.

The Gordon family observed Jahrzeit for wife and mother, Charlotte Gordon.

Bar Mitzvah lessons started for Steven Gruenhut.

The Rabbi also visited the Lerners in Taylorsville and was invited to speak to the Taylorsville Rotary Club.

Closing exercises for the first year of the religious school were held May 22, 1955. It is noted that the Luries were leaving Statesville, and Norma Lurie was presented with a farewell gift and the expression of much appreciation for the important work she did in Statesville.

.... AND ANOTHER FIRST:
LAURA LIPSHITZ was born on
July 28, 1955....and we had
the first baby-naming ceremony
at the synagogue.

THE MOLD WAS SET ... In future years, although we cannot mention each holiday, each model seder, etc. -- the religious school continued in a similar pattern.

THE FIRST YEAR CAME TO AN END
BUT THE MOMENTUM DID NOT LAG...

IN THE WORLD:

American Jewry celebrated 300 years of Jewish Life in the U.S.A.

Polio vaccine was discovered by Jonas Salk and licensed for use, 4/12/55.

5716
1955/1956

PRESIDENT: Albert Schneider

L.A.T.E: Irene Steinberger, President

RABBI: Harold Friedman

HIGH HOLY DAYS: Student Rabbi Arnold Kaiman of Hebrew Union College.

"The miracle of our history is a living embodiment of the deep faith of our fathers in the right life."

NEW MEMBERS:

Carolyn and Herbert Sosnik with daughters Cheryl and Marilyn in June 1956.

In February 1956, another joyous naming ceremony: RHONDA LEE LERNER.

In April 1956 - the momentous event of Steven Gruenhut's Bar Mitzvah at Congregation Emanuel. (We have described this milestone occasion separately.) Steven, setting an example for those younger than he, taught in the religious school and conducted services Friday nights.

LOUIS GORDON BECAME A GRANDPA FOR THE THIRD TIME --

Craig Gordon, son of Gene and Saul Gordon, was born on July 5, 1956. The maternal grandparents, Faye and David Lester, welcomed their first grandson.

SUMMER 1956:

Mark Sosnik was born, first son of Carolyn and Herbert.

IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations was established in 1955.

Albert Einstein died.

Thomas Mann died.

"Differences are likely to lead to the world's achievement and add to the charms of social intercourse."
Joseph Jacobs

5717
1956/1957

PRESIDENT: Albert Schneider

L.A.T.E.: Jacquie Schneider, President

RABBIS: Harold A. Friedman through October 1956;

Eli Gottesman, starting November 1, 1956

HIGH HOLY DAYS: Paul Levinson (now in Boston)

Circuit-Riding Rabbi Harold A. Friedman will always be remembered by those of Congregation Emanuel who were privileged to share in the reactivation of the synagogue.

The cycle of holidays continued .... and a beautiful Chanukah program was again arranged for the children of the Statesville and Hickory congregations. Rabbi Gottesman, with the assistance of Barbara Gordon, religious school teacher, made the arrangements.

Also during this year, Nat Lipshitz and Steven Gruenhut assisted in the religious school activities.

NEW MEMBERS:

Ruth and Leonard Polk in September 1957, with sons Paul (8) and Edward (5); and Barbara, 10 months old

The Polks have always been very active. Ruth started to teach Hebrew in October (in her kitchen).

GLAD TO HAVE THEM....

IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

Sinai Campaign - 10/29/56.

Sinai Peninsula was returned to Egypt March 8, 1957.

5718
1957/1958

PRESIDENT: Louis Gordon

L.A.T.E.: Jacquie Schneider, President

RABBI: Eli Gottesman

HIGH HOLY DAYS: Student Rabbi Cyrus Arfa

Minutes reveal that the congregation was happily planning the rededication and working on plans for the new building, then called The Center. Purchases of new dishes, card tables, and drapes were discussed. However, an equal amount of time was devoted to the needs of the Statesville community.

MITZVOT: A Tree of Life was sent to Mrs. Anne Schneider, mother of Albert Schneider, with best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Gifts were sent to Broughton Hospital at Christmas time.

In September, Louis Gordon wrote to Mr. I. D. Blumenthal about a donation of $3,000 by the Gordon family. He then inquired when the much-needed and promised $1,000 Blumenthal donation would be forthcoming .... and it came!

DECEMBER 1, 1957 --- THE REDEDICATION CEREMONY

The Statesville Record & Landmark mentioned that 150 people gathered at the synagogue for the occasion, which included the dedication of the new Center and the rededication of the Synagogue. The congregation had 42 members.

Circuit-Riding Rabbi Eli Gottesman and the well-known Rabbi Simcha Kling, then president of North Carolina Association of Rabbis, claimed that the reopening of the synagogue proved that Judaism is not easily destroyed.

I. D. Blumenthal, then president of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men, stressed the need for practicing Judaism in the home and community as well as in the temple.

Rabbi Gottesman, Joe Mann (also representing the N.C. Association of Jewish Men), and Albert Gruenhut led the procession and placed the Holy Scrolls into the ark. Ellis Gordon lit the Eternal Light. Mrs. S. Wallace Hoffmann later laid the cornerstone of the new educational building. She was assisted by Saul Gordon and Max Lerner. Elliott D. Cohen, chairman of the building committee, presented the key to the building to Louis Gordon, president.

We quote from Mr. Gordon's inspiring comments:

> .... "This building will be a constant reminder of the contribution by our congregation to the cultural heritage of Statesville. On this occasion we share with our fellow citizens and visitors the realization of an inspired dream.
>
> "It is our desire that this new building may better enable us to carry on our humanitarian work. By preserving the rights of our fellowmen, we preserve our own. Liberty and education are two things we can't have unless we give them to others."

David E. Lester was chairman of the reconsecration and dedication committee. Broad Street Methodist Church was represented by Rev. Julian Lindsey, and the First Presbyterian Church by Rev. Neill McGeachy.

Mrs. Milton Steinberger (Irene) wrote in the Times Outlook on the completion of the Center:

> "All members worked diligently in raising funds for the fulfillment of this dream. What was accomplished holds promise for cultural, educational and recreational advantages in the years which lie ahead."

Louis Gordon married again in January 1958. The new Mrs. Louis Gordon was Shirley Polakavetz of Baltimore, who fully participated in congregational activities.

IN THE WORLD:

Russia launched the first satellites, Sputniks I and II.

Andrei Gromyko became Soviet Foreign Minister.

IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

First Rabbinical School on the West Coast was opened by Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, 1957.

"When a person has compassion for humanity, it is a sure sign that he is a descendant of Abraham, our father."
(Betzah 32b)

5719
1958/1959

L.A.T.E: Joyce Lipshitz, President

Gene Gordon, Vice President

PRESIDENT: Louis Gordon

RABBI: Student Rabbi Alan Fuchs of Hebrew Union College

FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS:
Howard S. Smiegel of Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati (now in Denver, Colorado)

NEW MEMBERS:

Rita Steinberger

Marian and David Kronovet

Mrs. Joe Uffner is mentioned.

WE REJOICED WITH THE SCHNEIDERS .... Jennifer Schneider, sister of Joshua and Caroline, was born in January 1959.

A donation was made to an orphanage in memory of the late Herman Wallace.

A monthly bulletin became a reality.

In December canned goods were collected for baskets for the needy.

A United Fund donation was agreed upon.

Three pairs of crutches were donated to Medical Loan Closet.

The March of Dimes received a donation....

A refrigerator was ordered.

Grass and shrubbery were being planted - 8 boxwoods for $32

A blackboard and school map were ordered.

Sally Jay suggested donations of books for the temple library.

HIGHLIGHTS:

A book report on "Dr. Zhivago" by Mrs. Leah Hoffmann.

Enough money had been raised by L.A.T.E. to permit them to give ha to the Congregation.... which would happen again and again over th years.

Ruth Polk suggested fund-raising project to buy a tablecloth for embroidering with congregants' names - at $1.00 a name. This beca a reality .... and is still in use.

Various rabbis visited the community: Rabbi Kling and Rabbi Silberman counseled religious school personnel. Rabbi Rypins of Greensboro visited. Rabbi Levi's visit was expected.

This comprised the religious school:

Alef class:	Jean Cohen, teacher	- Barry Gordon, Bobby Faeber, Charlotte Gordon, Marilyn Sosnik, and Deborah Cohen.
Beth Class:	Joyce Lipshitz, teacher	- Edward Polk, Jack Lerner, Caroline Schneider, and Cheryl Sosnik.
Gimmel class:	Ruth Polk, teacher	- Martha Lipshitz, Paul Polk, Joshua Schneider, and Donna Lipshitz.

IN THE WORLD:

Ernest Gruening was elected first Senator from Alaska, January 195

"Whether a man really loves God
can be determined by the love
he bears toward his fellow man."
Levi Yitzhak of Berditschev

5720
1959/1960

PRESIDENT: Louis Gordon

L.A.T.E.: Joyce Lipshitz, President

Gene Gordon, Vice President

RABBI: Alan Fuchs, Student Rabbi from Hebrew Union College; Cincinnati, Ohio

Ushers for the High Holy Days were Steven Gruenhut and Linda Polakavetz (daughter of Shirley Gordon).

New students in the religious school were Gary Krieger and Larry Krieger.

Religious school teachers for the year were:

Jean Krieger, Gene Gordon, Joyce Lipshitz, Ruth Polk, and Jacquie Schneider.

HAPPY EVENTS IN THE GORDON FAMILY:

WEDDING BELLS: Kalman Gordon and Toby Starr were married 4/3/60 in Birmingham, Alabama

BABIES BORN: Richard Gordon, first son of Rona and Alfred Gordon, was born 6/26/60.

Stephen Kent Steinberger was born 8/19/60, the first child born to Rita and Norman Steinberger.

LOUIS GORDON ACHIEVES HIS GOAL: During his administration, the mortgage was paid up for the new Center. A mortgage-burning ceremony took place at a festive Dinner and Card Party. Salisbury and Hickory friends attended.

Added to Center:
An upright piano.
30 books were in the library.
The driveway got gravel ... at $10.00.

The congregation enjoyed the visit of Rabbi Kling on January 25.

IN THE WORLD:

Fidel Castro ruled Cuba.

Hawaii became 50th state.

Kadima (pre-USY) was established by the Conservative Movement, Spring 1960.

"As a torch is not diminished though it kindles a million candles, so will he not lose who gives to a good cause." (Midrash)

5721
1960/1961

PRESIDENT: Nat S. Lipshitz

L.A.T.E.: Gene Gordon, President

Ruth Polk, Vice President

RABBI: Stanley Plattock

HIGH HOLY DAYS: Joseph Wernik

NEW MEMBERS:

Bea and Ben Katz, with children Gerry (high school age); Jeffrey (6th grade); and Mark (starting elementary school).

Doris and Bill Kastan, with children Marcia and Michael (both children in elementary school).

A veritable "shot in the arm".....

Religious school teachers that year were:

Gene Gordon, Jean Krieger, Jacquie Schneider, and Joyce Lipshitz.

A HAPPY EVENT ..... 4/11/61 .... Gene and Saul Gordon welcomed daughter Susan, sister of Charlotte and Craig.

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL:

Steven Gruenhut graduated and continued his studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

How busy we were, doing so many worthwhile tasks:

Drapes for fellowship hall were bought for $400, with lining fabric being donated by Schneider Mills.

A card party was planned to subsidize lunches for needy children at Avery Sherrill School.

Clothes were being collected for the Clothes Closet at that school, to be distributed by Mr. Ashe.

A Country Dinner Dance was planned, with Jack Springer helping out with square dancing!

Decision was made to feed yet another child at Avery Sherrill School.

Four food baskets were distributed at Christmas that year, with Sally Jay donating personal items for the recipients.

DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU PROUD READING THIS?
WE WERE MOTIVATED TO DO MITZVOT.

Judy Posner and Muriel Ludwig visited the congregation as prospective members.

IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

ATID was established by Conservative Movement for college-age Jews, October 1960.

5722
1961/1962

PRESIDENT: Nathan Lipshitz L.A.T.E.: Gene Gordon, President

Ruth Polk, Vice President

RABBI: David Geffin

A year of growth! Several families and youngsters settled in Statesville and joined wholeheartedly in the activities of the congregation:

Beverly and Hy Silberman and sons, Martin and Bruce (elementary school).

Muriel and Sol Ludwig; daughter Meredith (Jr. H.S.); son Evan (elementary school); and son Miles (at the University of Connecticut).

Hanna and Howard Adler and sons Mark (elementary school); Stuart (elementary school); and Lauren (just under 3 years old).

Diane and Saul Walsh; Etta and Bernard Walsh.

The tablecloth gained quite a few names ... all embroidered by Sally Jay.

TWO BAR MITZVAH CELEBRATIONS drew the community even more closely together in work and shared "naches":

Paul Polk, oldest son of Ruth and Leonard Polk, became Bar Mitzvah on January 26, 1962. It was celebrated - as were most of those that followed - with an Oneg Shabat at the temple, a luncheon at the temple, and evening festivities at the Statesville Country Club.

Ruth and Leonard Polk celebrated their 15th Wedding Anniversary at the time of Paul's Bar Mitzvah.

Josh Schneider, oldest son of Albert and Jacquie, became Bar Mitzvah that same spring. Max Lerner was an able tutor, and the festivities were enjoyed by the growing congregation.

FATHER'S DAY 1962 - WHO CAN FORGET?
Remember the fun? All the women were decked out in mumus - furnished by Sol Ludwig, courtesy of Beauty Maid Mills!

A NEW BABY: Jean and Elliott Cohen welcomed their third child, a first son, Samuel, on 1/11/62. The congregation joined in the Bris festivities.

MILESTONES: The Ladies Auxiliary of Temple Emanuel joined the Conservative Movement through Seaboard Branch, National Women's League.

The first fund raiser for Torah Fund was held at the home of Bea Katz.

The temple kitchen was made kosher.

IN THE COMMUNITY:

Auxiliary supported Friends of the Iredell Library; sent food baskets to the needy; sent gifts to patients at Broughton Hospital, and donated 100 books to the Children's Library at Iredell Memorial Hospital. Also, a Red Cross course was taught at the temple. The auxiliary supported the North Carolina Jewish Home, Clemmons.

IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

Trial of Adolf Eichmann ended 12/15/61; hanged in 1962.

5723
1962/1963

PRESIDENT: Saul M. Gordon

L.A.T.E.: Ruth Polk, President

Carolyn Sosnik,
Vice President

RABBI: David Geffen

SO VERY TYPICAL IN LIFE:

WE REJOICED:

With Toby and Kalman Gordon on the arrival of their first child, Wendy, born 9/24/62.

AND WE GRIEVED:

With the Hoffmann family on the loss of Rose Stephany, sister of Leah Hoffmann.

Miss Stephany will not be forgotten, and her yearly contribution towards a needy child's lunch at Avery Sherrill was continued by the Hoffmanns.

WE HAD TWO BAR MITZVAH CELEBRATIONS:

In April 1963, Jeffrey Katz.

In July 1963, Mark Adler.

The Congregation had a Mother's Day Dinner with Elliott Cohen baking the cake!

There was the Break Fast, which grew to a regular meal over the years and is still being enjoyed by all. It's a nice tradition of sharing during Holy Day time.

We had our rummage sales, school picnics.

BBYO - Nat Lipshitz was advisor.

IN THE WORLD:

America was shocked to learn of the Cuban missile crisis.

IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

Abba Hillel Silver died.

"Do not separate yourself
from the congregation."
(Ethics of The Fathers)

5724
1963/1964

PRESIDENT: Saul M. Gordon

L.A.T.E.: Ruth Polk,
President

Muriel Ludwig,
Vice President

RABBI: Richard M. Marcovitz

WE HAD TWO BAR MITZVAH CELEBRATIONS:

Martin Silberman in January 1964.

Gettleman Bar Mitzvah in May 1964. The Maurice Gettleman family traveled from North Wilkesboro, North Carolina to assure their son of religious training.

The Ludwigs hosted a festive Oneg Shabat in honor of their first grandchild, Lindsey, daughter of Henny and Miles.

The L.A.T.E. established a record library in loving memory of Rose Stephany.

A NEW BABY .... A second son was born to Rita and Norman Steinberger: Gregg Leslie 2/14/64, brother of Stephen. Gregg is now a rising sophomore at Western Carolina!

L.A.T.E fund raising was divided into two committees, and both were active:

#1 - Sponsored a Yom Kippur Dance and also a Thanksgiving Dinner.

#2 - Sponsored the Big Event: THE FIRST ANNUAL BUSINESSMEN'S LUNCHEON. This function was at that time handled by just a few women. The originator was Bea Katz, who also served as one of several waitresses - dressed in black with white aprons! Barbara Gordon was overall chairman, and Shirley Gordon was the first take-out chairman. Sally Jay was active in the kitchen and is remembered for her special chicken fricassee! The popular menu of stuffed cabbage, still a favorite in 1983, was based on a recipe by Jean Cohen, which we still follow faithfully and do not divulge. Ruth Polk was handling the kitchen task and is still our tasting expert.

The Businessmen's Luncheon has become an established tradition in the Statesville community, and tickets are sold as fast as they are printed - the demand still greater than the supply!

In 1964 we sold 210 tickets; in 1983 we tried to limit sales to 700!

Gerry Katz was a debutante that year... and also graduated from Statesville Senior High School. She went on to North Carolina State. Gerry is now Mrs. "Bubba" Taratoot and lives in Atlanta.

IN THE WORLD:

President Kennedy was assassinated and Lyndon B. Johnson became the 36th President.

A "hot line" was established between Washington and Moscow.

IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

Hebrew Union College, Jewish Institute of Religion, opened the first non-orthodox school in Israel, 1963.

"Show me the man you honor, and I will know what kind of man you are, for it shows me what your ideal of manhood is and what kind of man you long to be."
Thomas Carlyle

5725
1964/1965

PRESIDENT: Sol Ludwig

L.A.T.E.: Muriel Ludwig, President

Barbara Gordon, Vice President

RABBI: David Nelson

MOTHER OF THE YEAR: Irene Steinberger

PRINCIPAL OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: Bea Katz

TEN YEARS SINCE THE REOPENING OF THE TEMPLE

The Holy Day booklet had the following observations:

"This marks the 10th Holy Day season since the reopening of the synagogue. Preserved and reopened through the devoted efforts of a small group of philanthropic members of the community, the synagogue has indeed fulfilled the injunction to be a `House of Prayer, a House of Study, and a House of Assembly.'

"The congregation has grown and become increasingly responsible. The tireless efforts of the Ladies Auxiliary to provide for decorations, social activities, fellowship, teaching, and support of the religious school have made these efforts indispensable. May their strength never falter.

"The men of the congregation have faithfully discharged their duties and responsibilities throughout the 10-year period. Financially and physically, they have contributed to make the synagogue the center of the community. May they always be ready, willing, and able.

" ... and the children have grown in mind, in depth of knowledge of Jewish tradition, and in awareness of their heritage.

"... To those who preserved Congregation Emanuel until now, we pledge our service in its continuity and we rededicate ourselves to the synagogue."

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LOUIS GORDON, who had done so much to see his dream fulfilled, passed away unexpectedly in his home on December 21, 1964. Not only did his family and the congregation grieve, but there was an outpouring of sympathy from the entire Statesville community. He has been missed by so many but his memory endures for all who knew and loved him.

In loving memory, we reprint excerpts of the editorial which appeared in the Statesville Record & Landmark:

> "Mr. Gordon's is a typical American success story ... a man who had faith in God, himself, and his fellowman, and who was willing to work for what he got.
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> "He became a highly successful businessman, and helped make Statesville the `City of Progress.'"
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> "Louis Gordon helped his fellowman in times of need: We have heard story after story of families helped during the depressed years and all the years since. He was a friend of the sick, afflicted, and less fortunate; he always remembered and aided them in their distress."

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And again, amidst the grief, there was also new life:

> The grieving Gordon and Steinberger families were blessed with three boys:
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> On December 27, 1964, just a week after Louis Gordon's death, Toby and Kalman Gordon welcomed their first son, brother of Wendy:
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> Louis Jacob Gordon
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> On January 16, 1965, Rona and Alfred Gordon welcomed their second son, brother of Richard:
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> Robert Louis Gordon
>
> On July 21, 1965, Rita and Norman Steinberger welcomed a third son, brother of Stephen and Gregg:
>
> Brett Holden Steinberger

The LIFE CYCLE OF JEWISH CELEBRATIONS continued:

Rabbi David Nelson officiated at two Bar Mitzvahs:

In October, Jack Lerner.

In November, Edward Polk.

AT STATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL:

Susan Gordon was chosen mascot for graduation exercises. Junior Marshals at the ceremonies were Martha Lipshitz, Meredith Ludwig, and Larry Krieger.

QUITE A DISTINCTION FOR SO SMALL A JEWISH GROUP!

And while we may not be able to mention every honor, every year - this was also special:

AT D. MATT THOMPSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL: Jeffrey Katz was president and was honored with the Scholastic Award; Mark Adler received the Math Award.

And ... a unique distinction:

Martha Lipshitz won the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award.

ON THE CAMPUS:

Steven Gruenhut graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in Political Science. Steven started his career in New York, became associated with Best Socket Screw, was transferred to Atlanta, and is now National Marketing Director.

AND ANOTHER ONE-TIME HONOR:

Martin Silberman became an Eagle Scout. We had a Scout Sabbath on February 12, 1965.

WE REJOICED WITH THE STEINBERGERS:

Stanley Steinberger married Rona Adrienne Yerlow.

Temple facilities offered and accepted by Catawba Valley Girl Scout Council ..... Synagogue sponsored Girl Scout Brownie Troop 248:

Ruth Polk, Leader .... Barbie Polk and Cynthia Cohen, Brownies

IN THE COMMUNITY:

Barbara Gordon served as a den mother.

Barbara Gordon organized Statesville Little Theater and was a charter member.

Ellis Gordon was, and still is, a member of the Junior Order, whose pet project is the Junior Order Orphanage.

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We celebrated Dr. S. Wallace Hoffmann's 80th birthday with a testimonial dinner at the Statesville Country Club.

A tribute by Mrs. Milton Steinberger in the Times-Outlook describes him as:

> "Young in heart, gay in spirit, loves life, loves poetry, always wearing a flower in his coat and smiling. How else can one describe Dr. S. Wallace Hoffmann?"

In speaking of his 80 years, Dr. Hoffmann exclaimed:

> "I've lived it all and enjoyed it.
> The best time is always the one
> that's coming."

We quote from the newspaper account of the dinner:

> "Approximately 100 persons gathered to honor Dr. Hoffmann ... a well-known osteopath who has an established reputation here as a writer of poetry.
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> "The congregation and friends of Dr. Hoffmann presented him with an inscribed silver breast-plate for the Holy Scrolls.
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> "Mayor J. Garner Bagnal presented Dr. Hoffmann with a plaque reading: `The City of Statesville takes pleasure in honoring Dr. S. Wallace Hoffmann as a distinguished citizen for rendering dedicated, loyal, and unselfish civic service to this community.' It was signed by the mayor, who noted: `The city has often gone to great lengths to honor visitors but it has almost never recognized its own citizens. This is the first time such a distinguished citizen plaque has been awarded.'"

"Hugh Mitchell, representing the local Lions Club, spoke words of praise in a brief talk honoring Dr. Hoffmann. He described Dr. Hoffmann as a distinguished, patriotic citizen who has served his country and his community in times of war and peace. He noted that Dr. Hoffmann had relieved the pain of persons in distress; had contributed to the cultural life of the city; had upheld the traditions of the nation and contributed to Judaism through his work with the local synagogue."

"TO LAUGH OFTEN AND MUCH; TO WIN THE RESPECT OF INTELLIGENT PEOPLE AND THE AFFECTION OF CHILDREN; TO APPRECIATE BEAUTY; TO FIND THE BEST IN OTHERS; .... TO KNOW EVEN ONE LIFE HAS BREATHED EASIER BECAUSE YOU LIVED -- THIS IS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED."

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IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

Arthur Goldberg was appointed U. S. Delegate to the United Nations, 7/20/65.

5726
1965/1966

PRESIDENT: Sol Ludwig

L.A.T.E.: Muriel Ludwig, President

Barbara Gordon, Vice President

RABBI: Abraham Garmaize

RABBI FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS: David Sperling

Rabbi Garmaize, an Israeli, spoke limited English but had fantastic rapport with our children....

We had two Bar Mitzvah celebrations with Rabbi Garmaize officiating:

In May: Bruce Silberman
In July: Stuart Adler

Of interest.... The Holiday Inn had just opened in Statesville and had a Jewish cook -- Mr. Tannenbaum!

WE REJOICED WITH THE GRUENHUTS:

Steven Gruenhut married Elaine Lichtenstein from New York.

The Gruenhuts hosted a Country Club reception over July 4th weekend.

GRADUATING:

Martha Lipshitz graduated from Statesville H.S. She was a winner in the Senior Biological Division of N.C. Science Fair in Raleigh. Martha had been "Girl of the Year" and received various awards, including a $200.00 scholarship and the Candy Striper Cap and Award - very fitting for a future nurse of distinction. Martha went to Duke University.

Meredith Ludwig also graduated from Statesville H.S. Meredith continued her studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and found her spot. She later earned an M.A. and Ph.D. - and we don't know what she's doing now. Exceptional potential.

HONORS:

Myles Ludwig won the Pi Kappa Phi Second Annual Thomas Wolfe Award for literature - a deserving tribute to a future writer.

Melvin Gordon was elected 2nd vice president, Southern Chapter, Institute of Scrap Iron and Steel.

Saul Gordon served on the Board of Directors for Aid to Disabled 1965-70.

IN THE COMMUNITY:

In memory of Louis Gordon, Statesville-Salisbury B'nai B'rith presented the Louis Gordon Humanitarian Award to Mrs. David Pressly.

Bea Katz and Barbara Gordon attended the 21st Annual Spring Conference of Seaboard Branch of the National Women's League.

We bid farewell to the Kastan Family, who moved to Charlotte.

IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

Martin Buber died in 1965.

S. Y. Agnon and Nelly Sachs were awarded Nobel Prizes for Literature.

5727
1966/1967

PRESIDENT: Albert Schneider

L.A.T.E.: Barbara Gordon, President

Diane Walsh, Vice President

RABBI: Selwyn Geller

STUDENT RABBI: Isaac Bonder

RITUAL CHAIRMAN: Leonard Polk

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Bea Katz

Barbara Gordon was Mother of the Year, and her parents, Irene and Sam Fried, moved to Statesville.

GRADUATING:

Paul Polk, son of Ruth and Leonard Polk, graduated with honors and went on to Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia. Paul was also president of the Statesville/Hickory/Salisbury BBYO chapter during his senior year, and Ruth Polk was BBYO advisor.

Lt. Col. Joshua Schneider received the Headmaster's Service Award during commencement ceremonies at Florida Military School, De Land, Florida.

HONORS BESTOWED ON OUR MEMBERS:

Dr. S. Wallace Hoffmann won the Congressional District Poetry Award.

Jeffrey Katz was treasurer at SHS, and was chosen to attend North Carolina Governor's School.

Mark Adler was chosen to attend the National Science Foundation summer program in Mathematics and Science at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Myles Ludwig won Music Corporation of America Fellowship Award.

Deborah Cohen gave a piano recital at the University of Carolina at Chapel Hill, one of ten chosen nationwide.

Deborah Cohen also won the MacDowell Music Club Estelle Brady, Jr. Scholarship in 1966. She performed as guest pianist at Statesville Woman's Club.

B'nai B'rith bestowed the Second Annual Louis Gordon Humanitarian Award to Mr. P. M. Barger.

Bea Katz announced as candidate for City School Board.

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Amid all the joy, death came to Albert Gruenhut on March 10, 1967. At age 66, he had been in excellent health until this final, short illness took his life. Albert Gruenhut had been among those who had the vision and determination to reactivate the congregation. He had lived through the infamous Crystal Night, November 9, 1938, in his home town near Munich, Germany, and treasured the Statesville synagogue. It is recalled that he pushed tirelessly to achieve the common goal. Albert had a great capacity for friendship, and whoever met him once never forgot him. His passing was a great loss, not just for his beloved wife Rose and son Steven, but for the entire congregation and many in the community.

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5728
1967/1968

PRESIDENT: Melvin Gordon

L.A.T.E.: Barbara Gordon, President

Diane Walsh, Vice President

RABBI: Selwyn Geller

HOLY DAYS: Isaac Bonder

RITUAL CHAIRMAN: Leonard Polk

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Bea Katz

TWO MORE BAR MITZVAH CELEBRATIONS:

Evan Ludwig in December 1967

Laura Lipshitz in June 1968.

50-YEAR CELEBRATIONS:

Ladies Auxiliary Temple Emanuel

and Gordon's Furniture Store
(honored by Merchants' Association February 1968).

Our Ladies Auxiliary revised By-Laws; still in effect in 1983.

September 5, 6, 7 -- ANOTHER MILESTONE AT THE SYNAGOGUE:

Congregation Emanuel dedication ceremonies for new religious school education building, 7 P.M. in the vestry of the synagogue.

The teachers who taught during those years remember what an improvement it was! We had regular classrooms now. Heretofore we had taught in the balcony, in the entrance foyer, in the sanctuary, in the fellowship hall, and even in the entrance foyer to the fellowship hall! It became easier to teach our lessons in a school atmosphere.

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL:

We had three graduates that year -- all three distinguishing themselves in an unusually gifted class:

Jeffrey Katz was Salutatorian and received the Morehead Scholarship. He was also drum major with the Grenadiers. Jeffrey continued his studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Donna Lipshitz was an honor graduate and a Merit Scholar; she continued her studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Mark Adler was an honor graduate and a Merit Scholar and continued his studies at M.I.T. (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Cambridge, Massachusetts.

ON THE CAMPUS:

Gerry Katz graduated from North Carolina State University with a B. A. in Economics. Gerry found positions in Advertising first in New York City and later in Atlanta.

Martha Lipshitz was on the Dean's List at Duke and re-elected to the Judicial Board.

Meredith Ludwig was on the Dean's List at UNC-G and was chosen to study at the Sorbonne, France, during her junior year.

IN THE COMMUNITY:

B'nai B'rith Statesville-Salisbury Chapter bestowed the third annual Louis Gordon Humanitarian Award on Mrs. P. V. Breneman.

Our active BBYO group chose Mark Adler, President; Edward Polk, Vice President; Charlotte Gordon, Corresponding Secretary; Donna Lipshitz, Treasurer; and Roy Neulicht of Hickory was Recording Secretary. Ruth Polk was BBYO advisor. Paul Polk was outgoing president.

IN THE WORLD:

Robert Kennedy was assassinated.

Martin Luther King was assassinated.

5729
1968/1969

PRESIDENT: Melvin Gordon

L.A.T.E: Ruth Polk, President

Bea Katz, Vice President

RABBI: Mayer Irwin Gruber

RITUAL CHAIRMAN: Howard Adler

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Muriel Ludwig

MOTHER OF THE YEAR: Hanna Adler

NEW MEMBERS:

Barbara and Warren Winthrop and two young sons, Sammy and Russell. Warren Winthrop was (and is) the first Jewish attorney in town!

Also living in Statesville then were Roslyn and Jerry Marlowe and daughter Lisa, who attended our religious school.

WE HAD MORE BAR/BAT MITZVAHS THAN IN ANY OTHER YEAR!

- Mark Katz on 11/23/68.
- Rhonda Lerner on 2/7/69.
- Mark Gordon on 3/22/69.
- Craig Gordon on 7/5/69.

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AT THE HIGH SCHOOL:

Edward Polk graduated and went on to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Martin Silberman graduated and went on to East Carolina University.

Both Edward and Marty were confirmed at our synagogue as was customary then.

Ed Polk and Stuart Adler were teaching in our religious school.

Ed Polk was president of BBYO in his senior year - a good year for our chapter.

AT THE SYNAGOGUE:

We recovered the cushions in the sanctuary; we installed railings in front of the building (on Sara Adler's suggestion); our library gained 60 books/prayerbooks that year.

IN THE COMMUNITY:

Dr. Hoffmann received the Louis Gordon Humanitarian Award from B'nai B'rith Chapter. An honor to have one of our own - the best.

We donated a heater to Ruthie's Day Care Center (a group of black women determined to make it on their own - to work and provide for their children).

IN THE WORLD:

U. S. sent first man to moon, July 1969.

5730
1969/1970

PRESIDENT: Howard Adler

L.A.T.E.: Ruth Polk, President

Toby Gordon, Vice President

RABBI: Irwin Beigel

HOLY DAYS: David Wolok

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Sam Fried

MOTHER OF THE YEAR: Joyce Lipshitz

AT THE SYNAGOGUE:

We tore down the old "Rabbi Residence" and gained our parking lot....

ANOTHER BAT MITZVAH:

Barbara Polk in November 1969.

AND OUR FIRST WEDDING IN THE SANCTUARY SINCE THE TEMPLE REOPENED! (See details in our Wedding article.)

Meredith Ludwig, daughter of Muriel and Sol Ludwig, married Howard Siegel of Richmond, Virginia on August 16, 1970.

ON CAMPUS:

Caroline Schneider graduated from Hannah More Academy, Baltimore, and continued her studies at UNC-Charlotte.

Meredith Ludwig graduated from UNC-Greensboro and was Phi Beta Kappa. She continued her studies at Virginia Commonwealth University in a Master's Program in Art History.

Martha Lipshitz graduated from Duke University School of Nursing with a BSN degree. She was listed in Who's Who in American Universities and won both the School of Nursing Alumnae Award and the Outstanding Service Award. Martha became associated with Children's Hospital, Boston, and is presently a Nurse Clinician.

AT SHS:

Stuart Adler was Chief Marshal and won Rensselaer Math Award as a Junior. He was also chosen to study in the Chapel Hill Summer Program under the auspices of the National Science Foundation.

AT ALEXANDER:

Jack Lerner graduated from Alexander High School, Taylorsville, and continued his education at Appalachian State, Boone.

IN THE COMMUNITY:

Saul Gordon was installed as president of Southern Chapter of Institute of Scrap Iron & Steel, 1969-1971.

Saul Gordon also supervised and directed the first Tar Heel Classic Horse Show.

Howard Adler was installed as treasurer of Statesville High School Booster's Club, which office he held for 10 years.

Jo Ann Aronson was a Debutante and was presented by her father, Jules Aronson, at the Junior Charity League Ball in Shelby, June 9 and 10, 1970.

GIRL SCOUT SABBATH was observed at the synagogue. Lauren Adler was a Junior Scout in Troop 158, and Wendy Gordon was a Brownie Scout in Troop 307.

We enjoyed our first Congregational Sabbath Dinner at the synagogue in February 1970.

B'nai B'rith sponsored Lt. Col. Itzchak Itzchaki, formerly head of the educational branch of General Headquarters, Israeli Army, who lectured in the Auditorium of Mitchell College. The community was invited.

5731
1970/1971

PRESIDENT: Howard Adler

L.A.T.E.: Toby Gordon, President

Muriel Ludwig, Vice President

RABBI: Haim Gordon

HIGH HOLY DAYS: Charles Feinberg

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Sam Fried

NEW MEMBERS:

George Simon

Harriet & Jay Robinson and son Charles (elementary school age)

WE HAD A WEDDING:

Yuko Ogushi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Ogushi, married Dennis Barron of Los Angeles on May 30, 1971. (See details in our Wedding article.)

AT STATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL:

Another first -- four Jewish graduates, who hoped to have a rabbi as a speaker:

Stuart Adler was our first Jewish Valedictorian and based his speech on "Who is Wise?" - Jewish values.

Charlotte Gordon, Barry Gordon, and Bruce Silberman.

Evan Ludwig was selected to attend North Carolina Governor's School, Summer 1971.

ON THE CAMPUS:

Paul Polk graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology with a Mechanical Engineering degree and became associated with Aetna Life and Casualty Co. as a Safety Engineer. Paul later received his Masters in Business Administration and also his CPCU (Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter).

IN THE COMMUNITY

Saul Gordon was president of Kiwanis Club.

L.A.T.E. ACTIVITIES:

First Annual Community Bake Sale at Christmas time.

First Carolina Day, Temple Israel, Charlotte, with our members participating.

Bea Katz was installed as president of Seaboard Branch National Women's League.

Rose Gruenhut was installed as Board Member.

WITH DEEP SADNESS, we mourned the loss of two of our founding members:

DR. S. WALLACE HOFFMANN 8/13/71

MRS. JOE (SALLY) JAY 8/17/71

A special memorial Sabbath Service was held on August 19, 1971. Albert Schneider delivered the eulogy. He expressed the keen sense of loss of the small Jewish community at the passing of "two special people."

Throughout the retelling of the history of Congregation Emanuel, we have pointed out Dr. Hoffmann's devotion to our community and the contributions for which we are grateful. He was revered.

Sally Jay was memorialized by us in the local press on August 23rd. We said that having tragically lost her only son, she was a mother to many of us. Active as a religious school teacher when the synagogue opened and a staunch participant in our adult education seminars, she was also a willing hostess to the many student rabbis who visited Statesville over the years. Her home was always open to those of us who were newcomers.

"Sally Jay gave with a generous heart,
no doubt beyond her strength and means.

Having walked in their shoes, she related
easily to the mighty and the lowly."

In the foyer of our synagogue is a framed Resolution honoring Dr. Hoffmann for his exceptional and lasting contributions to Congregation Emanuel.

At a focal point in the foyer, the congregation installed a Sabbath light in loving memory of Sally Jay.

A final, fitting tribute to Dr. Hoffmann in the Statesville Record & Landmark, written by Mrs. Howard Adler, is excerpted here:

> We, the members of Congregation Emanuel, shall miss Dr. S. Wallace Hoffmann, and we tenderly share the grief of his beloved family. We do not have to strain to fashion a lasting picture of him in our minds and hearts, because he invested so much of himself in us all. He imperceptibly influenced each life he touched, and each one who knew him feels his was a unique bond.
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> To us and our families, Dr. Hoffmann exemplified the essence of Jewish living, as it was taught to us by our forebears: He never lacked time and determination to study and to enjoy the beauty God put into our lives. He loved flowers, music, and poetry; he studied philosophy, history, and theology - in depth. He loved and appreciated the beauty of our tradition and the wisdom of our fathers. Dr. Hoffmann understood and respected the beliefs of other faiths as well. He cherished our old synagogue where he had pledged his Bar Mitzvah vows and from where he now went to his last resting place. He fulfilled mitzvot (good deeds) with a full heart, whether it was to share our joy and success, or to give strength during trials, tribulations, and bereavement.
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> He had the rare gift to listen patiently even to raised voices and not to force his opinions on anyone. He willingly and graciously went along with majority decisions when he differed. He knew how to state his views eloquently with a touch of humor. He always strived to preserve our unity and to further our growth.
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> He loved and revered God and was appreciative of all the blessings He bestowed on him, his family, and his friends. He knew he had a "Rendezvous with Death" and trusted God to choose the time."

And within just a few weeks on September 11, 1971, we lost another beloved member of our congregation, Mr. Samuel Jacob Fried, father of Barbara Gordon and Norma Lurie, a former resident. Irene and Sam Fried had made their home among us for four years prior to his death, and he shared in the activities of our synagogue, also serving as principal of our religious school. We mourned with his widow Irene, children, and grandchildren.

We cannot do better than quote from the eulogy of his granddaughter Diane Lurie, then 19:

> "A loss to the world, my grandfather's death. People say a man like that should never die. He should be immortal. So much goodness. The world should be so pure. We shall miss him. Yet he lived his life to the greatest potential. His death should not be an occasion of sadness. If there is a heaven, he shall be there. And if there is not...he will make one."

5732
1971/1972

PRESIDENT: Hyman Silberman

L.A.T.E.: Toby Gordon, President

Muriel Ludwig,
Vice President

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:
Muriel Ludwig

MOTHER OF THE YEAR:
Beverly Silberman

RABBI: Jack Dembowitz

HIGH HOLY DAYS: Leon Waldman

RITUAL CHAIRMAN: Sol Ludwig

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEACHERS: Howard Adler, Ruth Polk, Barbara Polk, Barbara Winthrop, Bea Katz (Hebrew), and Beverly Silberman (Hebrew).

A WEDDING, the third since the reopening of the synagogue:

Donna Lipshitz, daughter of Joyce and Nat Lipshitz, married Robert Stern in our sanctuary, on August 13, 1972.

A joyous event for the entire congregation.

(See separate Weddings article for more details.)

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Charlotte Gordon made her debut at the Sub-Debutante Ball in Shelby, North Carolina.

ON THE VARIOUS CAMPUSES:

Donna Lipshitz graduated with a B.A. in Economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After her marriage, she settled in Winston-Salem, where she obtained a career position with Wachovia Bank & Trust Company.

Jeffrey Katz graduated with a B.A. in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and continued his medical studies at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School.

AT SHS:

We had another Jewish Valedictorian: Evan Ludwig, son of Muriel and Sol. Evan continued his studies at UNC-Chapel Hill, and later switched to Columbia.

Laura Lipshitz was Co-Chief Marshal and also selected to go to N. C. Governor's School, Summer 1972.

IN THE COMMUNITY:

Sol Ludwig was treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce.

BBYO: Mark Katz was Beau -- and a handsome one!

AND... we had another first:

AN ART AUCTION AT THE STATESVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB
sponsored by our L.A.T.E. - a tremendous success.

AND ANOTHER FIRST..... Melvin Gordon went on a UJA Tour of Israel and we gave him a bon voyage party. He was the first among us to make the trip to Eretz Yisroel.

Bea Katz continued in her second term as president of Seaboard Branch of National Women's League.

Ellis Gordon received a merit recognition from the White House for dedication to equitable sales and service practices.

Ellis Gordon also served in the community as a director of the Statesville-Iredell United Fund, Statesville Merchants' Association, and the Iredell County Humane Society.

IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

Sally Priesand became first woman to be ordained (Reform), June 3, 1972.

5733
1972/1973

PRESIDENT: Kalman Gordon

L.A.T.E: Diane Walsh, President

RABBI: Dr. Israel J. Gerber
(started on a monthly
basis in October 1972.)

HIGH HOLY DAYS: Robert Summers

We said a sad farewell to Muriel and Sol Ludwig, who did so much for our congregation during their years in Statesville - as is evident from these yearly pages. The Ludwigs moved to New York City.

NEW MEMBERS:

Marilyn and Martin Leventhal and sons, Steven and David; daughter, Karen.

A warm welcome was extended to this family, who contributed of their talents.

BAR MITZVAH CELEBRATIONS:

Steven Leventhal in May 1973.

Richard Gordon in May 1973.

FOUR WEDDINGS THIS YEAR:

Gerry Katz married "Bubba" (Eliot) Taratoot in Atlanta, November 19, 1972, with prenuptial parties in Statesville prior to the happy event.

Ed Polk married Jan Loveman in Miami, Florida in June 1973 ... too far away for the congregation to attend, but we had an opportunity to meet the Lovemans.

Jo Ann Aronson married Irving Charles Rosenblum on January 20, 1973 at Statesville Country Club. Rabbi Israel J. Gerber officiated.

Mark Adler married Linda Jean Siperstein in Cranston, R.I., in July 1973, and the young couple traveled to Edinburgh, Scotland where Mark completed his Ph.D. studies in Artificial Intelligence at the University of Edinburgh.

ON THE CAMPUS:

Martin Silberman graduated from East Carolina University with a B.S.B.A. degree in Accounting, and became associated with an accounting firm in Charlotte. He is now with J. P. Stevens.

Edward Polk graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a B.A. degree in Political Science, got married and moved to Florida, where he later attended the University of Miami Law School.

Mark Adler graduated from M.I.T with degrees in Mathematics and Electrical Engineering.

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL:

Mark Katz and Laura Lipshitz graduated with honors and continued their studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

TEMPLE ACTIVITIES:

Rabbi Gerber took part in Sunday Morning Worship Services at First Presbyterian Church and delivered the sermon in observance of Brotherhood Week.

Howard Adler led the Model Seder in April 1973.

We had a terrific Purim Party for the children.

IN THE COMMUNITY:

Toby Gordon was elected president of Garden Council.

IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

Israeli Athletes were massacred at Munich Olympics, September 6, 1972.

5734
1973/1974

PRESIDENT: Warren A. Winthrop

L.A.T.E.: Diane Walsh, President

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:
Marilyn Leventhal

RABBI: Dr. Israel J. Gerber

MOTHER OF THE YEAR: Sandy Posner

One highlight of the year was the wedding at our synagogue of:

Charlotte Gordon, daughter of
Gene and Saul Gordon, on July 21, 1974
to Mark Margolis of Durham, N. C.

This joyous event, the fourth wedding since our temple reopened, is covered in greater detail in our Weddings article.

And another first.... a double Bar Mitzvah ceremony for:

Paul and Jimmy Posner, May 1974.

AT THE SCHOOLS:

Caroline Schneider graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a B.A. in Early Childhood Education.

AT S.H.S.:

Craig Gordon and Mark Gordon graduated from Statesville High School and continued their studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

AT ALEXANDER:

Rhonda Lerner graduated from Alexander Central High in Taylorsville, and continued her studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

AT D. MATT:

Lauren Adler was President of the Student Body at D. Matt Thompson Junior High School.

IN THE COMMUNITY:

Barbara Winthrop was Secretary of Legal Auxiliary.

Joyce Lipshitz, Exec. Secretary of United Fund.

Jules Aronson was serving as representative of Ward I in City Council.

Barbara Winthrop was also Chairman, March of Dimes Campaign.

Warren Winthrop was President of N. B. Mills P.T.A.

Mark Gordon received DeMolay Award.

We were involved in the production of "Fiddler On The Roof" being presented by Statesville Little Theater:

Ben Katz played the part of the rabbi; Bea Katz and Hanna Adler were cultural advisors.

AT THE SYNAGOGUE:

January - Another successful family-style Shabat Dinner, to which we could invite friends.

November - Judaism exhibit in social hall with church groups being invited.

Also, active fund raising for the N.C. Jewish Home with sale of arts and crafts and gift items.

IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

YOM KIPPUR WAR begins 10/6/73 ... and we learned of it right in our synagogue.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new addition to the North Carolina Jewish Home, 11/11/73.

5735
1974/1975

PRESIDENT: Melvin Gordon

RABBI: Dr. Israel J. Gerber

L.A.T.E.: Barbara Winthrop, President

Marilyn Leventhal, Vice President

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Marilyn Leventhal

MOTHER OF THE YEAR: Faye Lester

NEW MEMBERS:

Karen and Barry Goldstein with children Ami, Julie, and Brett joined us in January 1975!

And in May 1975, Ruth and Ed Goldstein, parents of Barry, moved to Statesville - a new chapter began.

Zava and Tom Rosenberg joined the congregation.

We said farewell to Diane and Saul Walsh, who settled in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Two of our children were ready for further "mitzvot":

BAT MITZVAH:

Wendy Gordon, daughter of Toby and Kalman Gordon, April 11, 1975.

A joyous event!

BAR MITZVAH:

David Leventhal, son of Marilyn and Martin Leventhal, May 23, 1975.

We predict he'll become a star salesman.

WE WERE REPRESENTED ON VARIOUS CAMPUSES by Statesville scholars:

- Charlotte Gordon Margolis graduated from East Carolina University, a Dean's List student, with a B.S. degree in Education.

- Barry Gordon graduated from the University of South Carolina with a B.A. in Business. Barry joined the Gordon family operation.

- Bruce Silberman graduated from East Carolina University with a B.S.B.A. (Accounting). He was president of Tau Chapter, became associated with Anderson and Anderson, Charlotte - and promptly got his CPA!

- Stuart Adler graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in Chemistry from Harvard College and went on to Duke University to obtain his M.D./Ph.D. in Biochemistry.

AT STATESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL:

Barbara Polk, co-editor of The Blue and Gray, and head majorette of Grenadiers, won awards ... and went on to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

AT OAKWOOD:

Susan Gordon was Vice President of Student Body .... and cheerleader!

The Ladies Auxiliary of Temple Emanuel made the wise decision to form a "Special Committee" to assist with hospitality for events such as:

Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations,
simches, and bereavements.

The first opportunity to show their special skills was at David Leventhal's Bar Mitzvah.

Members of this committee at this writing (1983):

Barbara Winthrop, Ruth Polk, Betty Lee, Judy Ram,
Joanne Rosenfeld, Ruth Goldstein, and Harriet Reisman.

This year, we also had a "Sabbath Weekend," including:

- Friday night dinner and Oneg Shabat at Temple.

- Sabbath morning service and Kiddush.

- Saturday evening at the Winthrop home - a deli dinner followed by an adult education class on the observance of the Sabbath in all parts of the world, led by Dr. Gerber.

IN THE COMMUNITY:

Mark Katz received Chevalier Award of DeMolays.

Bea Katz was technical advisor for Statesville Little Theater's production of "Diary of Anne Frank."

IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY:

Lauren Adler was BBYO President - a great year for our Chapter - and Hanna Adler was Advisor.

THE YEAR ENDED IN SADNESS:

David E. Lester, husband of Faye Lester and father of Gene Gordon, passed away on September 11, 1975, just shortly after his 80th birthday. The funeral service was conducted at the Temple, with Dr. Gerber officiating.

Dave Lester, whose roots were English, was one of our original members in 1954. As one of the patriarchs of our congregation, we all felt his influence. He was always available to conduct Yiskor services and never missed attending our model seders, taking great pleasure in observing his grandchildren.

The Torah stand in the synagogue was a gift of the congregants in honor of David Lester's 80th birthday.

IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

Jack Benny died 12/26/74.

WORLD EVENTS:

President Richard Nixon resigned and Gerald Ford became the 38th president of the U. S. A.

"If your enemy is hungry, give him bread.
If he is thirsty, give him water."

5736
1975/1976

PRESIDENT: Martin Leventhal

RABBI: Dr. Israel J. Gerber

MOTHER OF THE YEAR:
Barbara Winthrop

L.A.T.E.: Barbara Winthrop, President

Allen Rippe, Jewish Artist in Residence at Mitchell College, participated in a memorable Kol Nidre service, playing the haunting melody on his flute.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL:
Toby Gordon

NEW MEMBERS: (who contributed greatly to our growth over the years)

The Rams: Dr. Cecil and Judy - with their children
Butch (Bernard - away at college),
Lauren (attending Statesville schools),
Cheryl (away at college),
and Herbie (a preschooler).

Dr. Ram, a urologist, joined the staff of Iredell Memorial Hospital and was the first Jewish physician in town since the early 50's when Dr. Allan Lurie resided here.

The Rosenfelds: Laurence (Larry) and Joanne
with their young daughters, Robin and Janet.
Joanne Rosenfeld is the daughter of the Ed Goldsteins, and Larry was associated with the Goldsteins in their zipper manufacturing operation.

HONORED BY THE CONGREGATION:

Howard Adler - Father of the Year.

Hy Silberman - Macabee of the Year.

WE REJOICED WITH THE RAMS on their 25th Wedding Anniversary!

"THE LORD GIVETH .... AND TAKETH AWAY ..."

Joyce and Nat Lipshitz became grandparents:

Elizabeth Lynn Stern was born on July 29, 1976, the first child born to Donna and Bobby Stern, in Winston-Salem.

We mourned with Rona Gordon the loss of her father, Louis Summerfield, 79, who passed away on December 12, 1975 and was buried in Statesville. Rabbi Richard Rocklin of Charlotte officiated.

Heartfelt sympathy was extended to his widow, Geraldine Cohn Summerfield, who later moved to Statesville for part of each year.

ON CAMPUS:

Jeffrey Katz graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and received his M. D. Jeffrey went on to serve his internship at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. Congratulations!

AT STATESVILLE SCHOOLS:

Susan Gordon was elected Miss Oakwood Junior High School.

Lauren Adler was elected head cheerleader at Statesville High School in May 1976.

AND WE HAD A WEDDING:

Caroline Gay Schneider married Oppie Harry McPherson, Jr. on July 31, 1976. Dr. Frank Campbell officiated. The popular young bride enjoyed innumerable prenuptial courtesies.

INVOLVEMENT AND HONORS IN THE COMMUNITY:

Leonard Polk was Top Producer for YMCA fund-raising efforts.

Barbie Polk was Grand Faith of the Rainbow Girls.

Richard Gordon - active in DeMolays.

Karen Goldstein won a Photo Award - the first of many.

Saul Gordon was honored at Past President Night - Kiwanis Club.

Joyce Lipshitz was elected as officer for United Fund.

Judy Ram was cast for role in Statesville Little Theater production of "Forty Carats" and was a smash hit ...

Barbara Gordon was honored by students at Avery Sherrill Elementary School for her volunteer work.

Mrs. Leah Hoffmann was one of the honorees as past president of the Statesville Woman's Club 50th Anniversary, 4/30/76.

Bea Katz won the Blue Ribbon for her submission of a history on the Hoffmann family to Women's League for Conservative Judaism's "Family Tree Contest Exhibit."

Hanna Adler was BBYO advisor.

IN THE WORLD:

United Nations declares that Zionism is racist, November 10, 1975.

America celebrated its Bicentennial - tall ships in New York Harbor, 7/5/76.

"Happy is the person who finds wisdom and one that attains understanding."

5737
1976/1977

PRESIDENT: Martin Leventhal

L.A.T.E.: Beverly Silberman, President

RABBI: Dr. Israel J. Gerber

MOTHER OF THE YEAR: Beverly Silberman

MACABEE OF THE YEAR: Howard Adler

NEW MEMBER:

Dr. Eva Katz, mother of Ben Katz

"THE PLEASURES WE GET FROM CHILDREN
ARE MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD."

We rejoiced with the Winthrop family - their first Bar Mitzvah:

Samuel Baynes Winthrop, November 13, 1976.

AND WEDDING BELLS RANG - with congregational prenuptial courtesies for all:

Paul Polk and Melanie Sue Rodin were married November 28, 1976 in Oceanside Jewish Center, Oceanside, New York.

Jeffrey Katz and Laurie North were married February 26, 1977 in Chapel Hill, N.C. Dr. Eva Katz attended and also little Andrea Taratoot, sharing the spotlight and dancing the night away!

Bruce Silberman and Pamela Goldman married March 5, 1977 at Temple Israel, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Cheryl Ram and Mark Bennett Hart, both medical students, married at Statesville Country Club, July 30, 1977.

ON CAMPUS:

Edward Polk graduated cum laude from the University of Miami Law School in Florida.

Mark Katz graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a B. A. in Chemistry.

Laura Lipshitz graduated also from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a B.S. in Industrial Science and Psychology.

Both Laura and Mark were Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's highest scholastic honorary society for undergraduates.

AT STATESVILLE SENIOR HIGH:

Lauren Adler graduated with a string of honors, including the first Kornegay Award for exceptional service. Lauren went on to the University of Georgia at Athens.

AT WEST IREDELL HIGH SCHOOL:

Jennifer Schneider graduated with honors and went on to Lenoir Rhyne, Hickory, North Carolina.

IN THE COMMUNITY:

Jules Aronson was Mayor pro tem.

Karen Goldstein exhibited her photography at Statesville Arts & Science Museum.

Hanna Adler was honored by the North Carolina Jewish Home - Clemmons - for originating and implementing the "Adopted Foster Grandparent Program."

IN THE WORLD:

Jimmy Carter was elected President of the United States.

Israelis freed hostages at Entebbe in a daring raid.

The coalition for alternatives in Jewish Education was founded 1976.

5738
1977/1978

"The memory of the righteous
is for a blessing."
Proverbs 10:7

PRESIDENT: Ed Goldstein

RABBI: Dr. Israel J. Gerber

BBYO ADVISOR: Judy Ram

L.A.T.E. Beverly Silberman, President

MOTHER OF THE YEAR: Joanne Rosenfeld

MACABEE OF THE YEAR: Ed Goldstein

WE MOURNED WITH THE KATZ FAMILY:

Dr. Eva Katz, mother of Ben Katz, passed away. As Dr. Gerber pointed out, "At a time when few Jewish women were able to get an education in Russia, she set her high goals and surmounting the greatest odds, succeeded in winning her degree in Dentistry."

WE REJOICED WITH THE GORDON FAMILY:

Louis Gordon, son of Toby and Kalman Gordon, became Bar Mitzvah in December 1977.

Robert Gordon, son of Rona and Alfred Gordon, became Bar Mitzvah in May 1978.

GRADUATIONS -- HONORS -- Our children excel and bring our congregation "naches":

- Rhonda Lerner graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro cum laude, Eta Sigma Gamma, Health Science Honorary Charter Member, with a degree in Health Science.

- "Butch" Ram graduated from the University of North Dakota with an M. D. and accepted a residency in Urology at University of Virginia Hospital.

- Mark Allen Gordon received a B. A. in Biology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and went on to the University of Georgia at Athens.

- Craig Gordon graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a B. A. in Geography and continued his studies at Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida.

- Richard Gordon graduated from Statesville High School, continued his studies at Catawba College at Salisbury, and later transferred to University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

- Steven Leventhal graduated with honors from Statesville High School, and went to University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

- Stuart Adler was initiated into Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society at Duke University.

- Barbara Polk was a member of the Queen's Court of the 1978 North Carolina Azalea festival at Wilmington, North Carolina.

"YOU HAVE CREATED JOY AND GLADNESS ... Bridegroom and Bride"

Martin Silberman married Marcia Anstaendig on July 9, 1978 at Temple B'nai Israel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

IN THE BUSINESS WORLD:

Toby Gordon joined Hunter Realty.

Barbara Winthrop joined Pauline Lavitt, Inc., Hickory.

Alfred Gordon elected Director, Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce.

Howard Adler elected Director, Statesville City Club; and Treasurer, Statesville High School Boosters Club.

IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

Anwar Sadat visits Jerusalem, beginning the process of the Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty, 1977.

"Giving is equal to all the other precepts put together ..."
Bava Tatra 9a

5739
1978/1979

PRESIDENT: Melvin Gordon

L.A.T.E.: Ruth Goldstein,
and
Jacquie Homesley,
Co-Presidents

RABBI: Dr. Israel J. Gerber

PRINCIPAL OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:
Joanne Rosenfeld

MOTHERS OF THE YEAR:
Ruth Goldstein
Jacquie Homesley

MACABEE OF THE YEAR:
Melvin Gordon

NEW MEMBERS:

Selma and Joe Sussman and son, Phillip
Zelda and Morton Geen and sons, David and Jeffrey
Harry Wallace
Evelyn and Dan Rodberg

... AND THE POSNERS MOVED TO TEXAS.

TWO BAR MITZVAH CELEBRATIONS:

M. G. Lee on November 4, 1978

Russell Brian Winthrop, August 11, 1979.

THE BABY BOOM:

First grandchild born to Jacquie Homesley and Albert Schneider:

Matthew McPherson was born on November 5, 1978 in Taylorsville - the first child of Caroline and O. H. McPherson.

Another grandchild ...

to Joyce and Nat Lipshitz:

Benjamin Scott Stern was born on December 13, 1978, in Winston-Salem - a brother to Beth, son of Donna and Bobby Stern.

First grandchildren ...

to Beverly and Hy Silberman:

Shara Renee Silberman was born on June 6, 1979, first child of Pam and Bruce Silberman, Charlotte.

to Hanna and Howard Adler:

Aaron Daniel Adler was born on July 30, 1979, in Boston - the first child of Linda and Mark Adler.

to Ruth and Leonard Polk:

Eric Polk was born on September 6, 1979, in Miami, Florida, the first child of Jan and Edward Polk.

ON THE CAMPUS:

- Richard Lerner, son of Bernice and Mort Lerner, graduated from Duke University and joined the family business.
- Rhonda Lerner, daughter of Florence and Max Lerner, was a graduate student at Pennsylvania State University.
- Laura Lipshitz was a law student at Duke University.
- Barbara Polk was tapped for membership in the Order of the Golden Fleece in ceremonies at Chapel Hill, April 25, 1979. This organization recognizes exceptional leadership and inspirational character. Barbara graduated with a dual major, Bachelor of Science in the administration of Criminal Justice and a B. A. in Political Science - University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

AT OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS - WE WERE NOTICED:

Sammy Winthrop was President of D. Matt Thompson Junior High School.

Louis Gordon was Vice President of Oakwood Junior High School, 1979/1980.

Susan Gordon was chosen Homecoming Queen at Statesville Senior High School.

IN THE COMMUNITY:

Gordon Brothers established a scholarship at Mitchell College in memory of their parents, Charlotte and Louis Gordon.

Hanna Adler was United Fund Chairman at NL Fasteners and raised $7,000 with 77% of the employees contributing - a first.

Lauren Adler was Assistant Camp Director of the YMCA Camp Alliwood, Statesville, Summer 1979.

Statesville Woman's Club included Congregation Emanuel in Tour of Homes. Congregants served as guides and explained displays of Judaica. Refreshments were served by members of the Statesville Woman's Club.

At a tea on August 4, 1979, held at Statesville Country Club, the Ladies Auxiliary of Temple Emanuel honored Leah Hoffmann on her 90th birthday. The Special Events Committee was in charge of arrangements. Present for this wonderful occasion were her immediate family, including grandchildren; sons John and William and their wives; as well as out-of-town relatives. Old family friends of the Statesville community also participated.

Joyce Lipshitz, President of the Ladies Auxiliary of Temple Emanuel, noted that as a child Leah Hoffmann attended religious school in our temple. She commended Mrs. Hoffmann and stated that "she has been a shining example throughout the years. The Hoffmann family has been synonymous with Congregation Emanuel for decades."

John Hoffmann toasted his mother and expressed his love for Statesville. He declared that "her entire 90 years have been lived within a two-block radius of her present home ... and no matter where the family is, this part of Statesville will always be home." Dr. William Hoffmann expressed for all present the love, respect, and appreciation for his mother.

Joyce Lipshitz announced that a cabinet, a gift from the auxiliary and friends, had been ordered for the foyer of Temple Emanuel. The cabinet will be used to display the memorabilia of the Hoffmann family pertaining to the temple and the auxiliary. She emphasized that the most important memorabilia could not be displayed; namely, "the privilege of knowing Leah Hoffmann and cherishing the right to say we are her friends."

IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

Isaac Bashevis Singer received Nobel Prize in Literature.

Camp David agreement between Egypt and Israel (Anwar Sadat and Menachim Begin.)

Golda Meir died.

I. D. Blumenthal died December 7, 1978.

"Who is wealthy?
He who is content with his portion."
Avot 4:1

5740
1979/1980

PRESIDENT: Dr. Cecil Ram

L.A.T.E.: Joyce Lipshitz, President

RABBI: Dr. Israel J. Gerber

MOTHER OF THE YEAR: Bea Katz

MACABEE OF THE YEAR: Nat Lipshitz

NEW MEMBERS:

Dr. Fred Marks and Mary; daughter Marilyn. Dr.Marks joined Davis Hospital staff and became the second Jewish physician in our town.

Alice Gordon, mother of Gilda Fowler

Gilda Fowler joined L.A.T.E.

A BAR MITZVAH AT CONGREGATION EMANUEL:

Mark Lee, in November 1979

AND TWO OUT-OF-TOWN WEDDINGS:

Stuart Adler married Molly Tannenbaum at Temple Remat Zion, Northridge, California, on August 30, 1980.

Shelly Gayle Starman of Southfield, Michigan, married Thomas Charles Onsrud on June 8, 1980.

ON THE CAMPUS:

Mark Katz was elected president of Psi Omega Dental Fraternity at UNC - Chapel Hill.

Cheryl Ram Hart received her M.D. degree from University of North Dakota. Interning at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota in OB/GYN.

Rhonda Lerner received her Masters degree from Pennsylvania State University and obtained a position at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, N.C.

Laura Lipsitz received a Juris Doctor degree at Duke University, May 1980.

Wendy Gordon graduated from Statesville Senior High School with honors and planned to attend the University of Georgia.

Susan Gordon, a freshman at the University of Miami and a Dean's List student.

Paul Rodberg, son of Evelyn and Daniel Rodberg, graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, and went on to Sicily to practice.

AT THE HIGH SCHOOL:

Laurie Ram was a Junior Marshal.

WE MOURN:

- Mrs. Charlotte Franzblau, mother of Judy Ram, passed away on 2/14/80 in Statesville and was buried here.

- Abraham Franzblau, father of Judy Ram, passed away on 3/19/80 at the Blumenthal Jewish Home, after a short residency there. He too was buried in Statesville.

Our hearts went out to Judy on these great losses within such a short time.

FIRST GRANDSON ..... to the Silbermans:

Marcia and Martin Silberman joyfully welcomed their first child, a son, Aaron Joseph, 3/19/80.

GOOD NEWS:

Bernard ("Butch") Ram joined the staff of Charlotte Memorial Hospital as a resident in Urology.

HONORS IN THE COMMUNITY:

Warren Winthrop was president of Iredell County Bar Association.

Toby Gordon achieved real estate "Knight of the Round Table," highest honor for sales counselors in the National Gallery of Homes organization.

Hanna Adler, chosen as Secretary of the Year 1980 by Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce.

IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

Annexation of the Old City of Jerusalem and the reunification of the city were formalized in the Constitution of the State of Israel.

"The greatest honor I can give my children is love for our people, loyalty to self."
Theodor Herzl

5741
1980-1981

PRESIDENT: Dr. Cecil Ram

L.A.T.E. Judy Ram, President

MOTHER OF THE YEAR: Judy Ram

RABBI: No rabbi this year, but beautiful High Holy Day services were conducted by Robert Covin of Atlanta.

A BAR MITZVAH:

David Geen, in the fall of 1980. Rabbi Israel Gerber, who had supervised his training, officiated. This was his last visit after a decade of service to Congregation Emanuel.

A BRIS AT THE SYNAGOGUE:

On 7/3/81, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Marks welcomed their first son, Aaron David, with a Bris at the synagogue.

WE REJOICED:

Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Katz welcomed their first child, Brian Paul, on November 26, 1980. Bea and Ben Katz are the proud grandparents of this first grandson.

Charlotte and Mark Margolis welcomed their first child, David Charles, on 6/17/81. The Saul Gordons are now grandparents, and Faye Lester is the happy great-grandmother!

WEDDING BELLS CHIMED:

Jack Lerner married Lynn Overman in Greensboro on October 16, 1980.

Barry Steven Gordon married Dani Sue Morrow on 1/17/81 in Lincolnton, North Carolina.

Mark Allen Gordon married Terry Lynn Floyd 8/30/81 in Athens, Georgia.

WE MOURNED:

Joseph I. Sussman passed away on December 15, 1980, after much suffering. His daughter Janet delivered a beautiful eulogy. Dr. Gerber officiated. Our condolences went out to Selma, daughters Janet and Wendy, and son Phillip. Joe Sussman was buried in Statesville.

Jack Braverman, father of Jacquie Homesley, and grandfather of Joshua Schneider, Caroline McPherson, and Jennifer Schneider, passed away on 2/9/81. The congregation mourned with his widow, Viola Braverman, and the entire family. Jack Braverman was buried in Statesville.

ON THE CAMPUS:

- Mark Katz was among outstanding students at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry. Mark later accepted an internship at Charlotte Memorial Dental Clinic.

- Lauren Adler received a B.A. in Journalism with emphasis in Public Relations and a minor degree in Communications at the University of Georgia, Athens. Lauren joined the staff of Statesville Record & Landmark to gain practical experience.

- Lauren Victoria Ram graduated from Statesville High School with honors to attend the University of Georgia, Athens.

HONORS BESTOWED ON OUR PEOPLE:

- Barbara Polk elected to "Outstanding Young Women in America."

- Donna Lipshitz Stern was promoted to trust officer at Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., Winston Salem, North Carolina, in August 1981.

- Max Lerner was named to the Library Board in Taylorsville, January 1981.

- Karen Goldstein won recognition with an exhibit at Statesville's Art and Science Museum on Photo Abstractions.

IN THE COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS WORLD:

- Dr. Jeffrey Katz assumed practice as a cardiologist by joining a group of physicians in Greensboro.

- Dr. Frank Wolfsheimer, gastroenterologist, became an associate of Dr. David Kogut in Statesville -- the third Jewish physician here.

- Karen Goldstein prepared a slide/sound show for Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce.

- Evelyn Rodberg was becoming well-known in community as a hypnotist (weight control, self-confidence, etc.).

IN THE WORLD:

Ronald Reagan elected President of the United States.

XXII Olympics in Moscow boycotted by USA (because of Afghanistan).

Mt. St. Helen in Washington erupted.

"Independence is never given to a people; it has to be earned; and having been earned, it has to be defended."
Chaim Weitzman

5742
1981-1982

PRESIDENT: Dr. Cecil Ram

L.A.T.E.: Judy Ram, President

Bea Katz & Selma Sussman, Co-Vice Presidents

RABBI: Robert Seigel

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES: Sheldon Davis

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PRINCIPAL: Joanne Rosenfeld

GRANDMOTHER OF THE YEAR: Ruth Goldstein

NEW MEMBERS:

Lillian and Ben Tobias

Elenor and Sidney Conn, sons Max and Lee; daughters Nancy and Marla

Libbie and Manfred Katz

Elke and Henry Gordon, daughters Claire and Patricia

Sophie and Bernard Weinzimmer, son Michael and daughter Julianne

Five new children in our religious school!

A record year of growth!

A WEDDING AT THE CONGREGATION:

July 17, 1982 - Craig Gordon married Lynne Sharie Levine of Boca Raton, Florida. The young couple made their home in Statesville. (See our Weddings article.)

A CONFIRMATION:

Sammy Winthrop was confirmed prior to leaving for college.

OF MAJOR INTEREST TO OUR CONGREGATION:

November 22, 1981 - Dr. Mark Jay Katz married Catherine Camp Rhodes at Temple Beth-El, Charlotte.

May 9, 1981 - Dr. Frank Wolfsheimer married Dr. Karen Elizabeth Johnson in Huntsville, Alabama.

August 14, 1982 - Chiara Daneri, daughter of Mrs. Albert Schneider, wed Timothy Paul Wesemann at Trinity Episcopal Church, Statesville.

WE MOURNED:

Henrietta Wallace tragically slain in Charlotte on Halloween, October 31, 1981 - a daughter of the late Sigmond and Viola Bear Wallace, the oldest Jewish family in Statesville.

IN SCHOOL AND ON CAMPUS:

- Mark Allen Gordon received his B.S., School of Pharmacy, University of Georgia, 3/29/82.

- Craig Gordon received a Masters of Business Administration degree with a major in Marketing from Barry University, Miami Shores, Florida.

- Stuart Adler received a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from Duke University, May 1982.

- Mark Harris Lerner (son of Bernice and Mort Lerner) graduated Magna Cum Laude from Duke University with a B. A. in Economics and French; received Niess Prize in French and was Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma.

- Cathy Mushock (daughter of Lillian and Ben Tobias) graduated Suma Cum Laude with a B. S. in Medical Record Administration - Western Carolina University.

- Jennifer Schneider graduated with a B.A. in Psychology and Exercise Physiology from Lenoir Rhyne.

- Sammy Winthrop graduated with honors from Statesville Senior High School and went on to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

- Russell Winthrop was president of student body at D. Matt Thompson Junior High School.

IN THE COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS WORLD:

December 1981: Bea Katz was appointed to Statesville Planning and Zoning Board.

Joyce Lipshitz retired from her position of Executive Secretary of the United Fund after 13 years.

Lauren Adler left Statesville Record & Landmark and moved to Atlanta to join First Atlanta Corporation.

Jennifer Schneider joined Schneider Mills as D. P. Manager.

Craig Gordon joined the Gordon family enterprises.

EXCITING PERSONAL NEWS SHARED BY THE CONGREGATION:

"Be fruitful and multiply".....

A daughter was born to Pam and Bruce Silberman on 10/6/81. Jennifer Amy's delighted grandparents: Beverly and Hy Silberman.

A daughter was born to Lynn and Jack Lerner on 12/23/81 in Charlotte. Florence and Max Lerner joined the happy group of grandparents.

Molly Cathleen McPherson was born to Caroline and Harry McPherson. The new grandchild is treasured by Jacquie Homesley and Albert Schneider.

The Leonard Polks became grandparents of a little girl, Emily, born to Melanie and Paul Polk in Connecticut.

Hy and Beverly Silberman welcomed another granddaughter, Rachel Sarah, born to Marcia and Martin Silberman.

Mary and Fred Marks welcomed another son, David Jacob, in August 1982. Rabbi Seigel officiated at the Bris in their home, and the congregation was invited.

Libbie and Manfred Katz joyously announced a granddaughter, Elizabeth, born to their son Lawrence and daughter-in-law Debrah in Ypsilanti, Michigan. They have another granddaughter, Rachel, born to son Sheldon and his wife Susan in Westerville, Ohio.

"JOURNEY BACK" by Hanna Adler was serialized in the American Jewish Times Outlook. (The Adlers visited their home towns in Germany which they left during the Hitler era.)

WORLD EVENTS:

Space Shuttle Columbia made first successful flight.

Anwar Sadat was assassinated.

Assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II.

"Wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace."
Proverbs 3:17

CENTENNIAL YEAR
5743
1982/1983

PRESIDENT: Laurence Rosenfeld

L.A.T.E.: Joanne Rosenfeld and
Ruth Goldstein,
Co-Presidents

Betty Lee,
Vice President

RABBI: Robert Seigel

HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES:
Dr. Ezra Spicehandler

RITUAL CHAIRMAN: Ed Goldstein

PRINCIPAL OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:
Joanne Rosenfeld

GRANDMOTHER OF THE YEAR: Faye Lester

NEW MEMBERS:

Alan and Harriet Reisman

Susan Ward

CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS OF NOTE:

We celebrated the Steinberger's 50th Wedding Anniversary. A havdalah set was bought in their honor and engraved with this important date. Congratulations, Irene and Milton.

A Chanukah party at the new Statesville City Club with snapshots to remember this pleasant occasion....and a welcome party for Susan Ward in May.

LIFETIME EVENTS AT THE SYNAGOGUE:

March 19, 1983 - Michael Lee became Bar Mitzvah.

May 28, 1983 - Rhonda Lerner married Dr. Michael Kogut. (See our Weddings article.)

June 4, 1983 - Robin Rosenfeld became Bat Mitzvah.

IN THE COMMUNITY & BUSINESS WORLD:

Nat Lipshitz celebrated 50 years with Schneider Mills.

Toby Gordon was a million dollar producer with Hunter Realty.

Joanne Rosenfeld became a C.P.A.

Bea Katz became chairman of the Mayor's Human Relations Committee.

Dr. Mark Katz opened his own dental office in Charlotte.

The Aronsons established a scholarship in memory of Henrietta Wallace at Mitchell College, November 1982.

Ben Katz appointed to fill vacancy on City Council.

IN SCHOOL AND ON CAMPUS:

- Stuart Adler received his M.D. from Duke University and was accepted at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, Mo., for internship in Internal Medicine.

- Claire Gordon received Bunch Scholarship at Mitchell College.

- Louis Gordon graduated from N. C. School of Mathematics and Science and will attend Duke University (with a scholarship).

- Robert Gordon graduated from SHS with the Math and Journalism award, and will go to Chapel Hill.

- Richard Gordon is expected to graduate from UNC - Chapel Hill in August and will join Gordon Iron & Metal.

EXCITING PERSONAL NEWS, HAPPILY SHARED BY OUR MEMBERS:

- Lillian and Ben Tobias celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary at the synagogue with daughter Cathy Mushock conducting a beautiful Sabbath service.

- Barbara and Ellis Gordon became grandparents!

  Zachary Morrow Gordon was born to Dani and Barry Gordon on March 1, 1983.

- Bea Katz celebrated her 60th birthday with another trip to Israel, taking as her guests daughter Gerry Taratoot and daughters-in-law Laurie and Catherine Katz.

- Hanna and Howard Adler became grandparents again. Rachel Beth was on born on September 14, 1982 to Linda and Mark Adler in Lexington, Massachusetts.

- Lillian and Ben Tobias became grandparents again. A daughter, Gwen Beth, was born to their son Elliot and daughter-in-law Tina.

- A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT:

  Dr. Jeffrey D. Katz of Greensboro was elected to Fellowship in the American College of Cardiology.

At a festive closing dinner meeting at the Statesville Country Club, with Judy Ram serving as installing officer, the following members pledged themselves ready to serve:

Betty Lee, President

Elenor Conn, Vice President

Libbie Katz, Treasurer

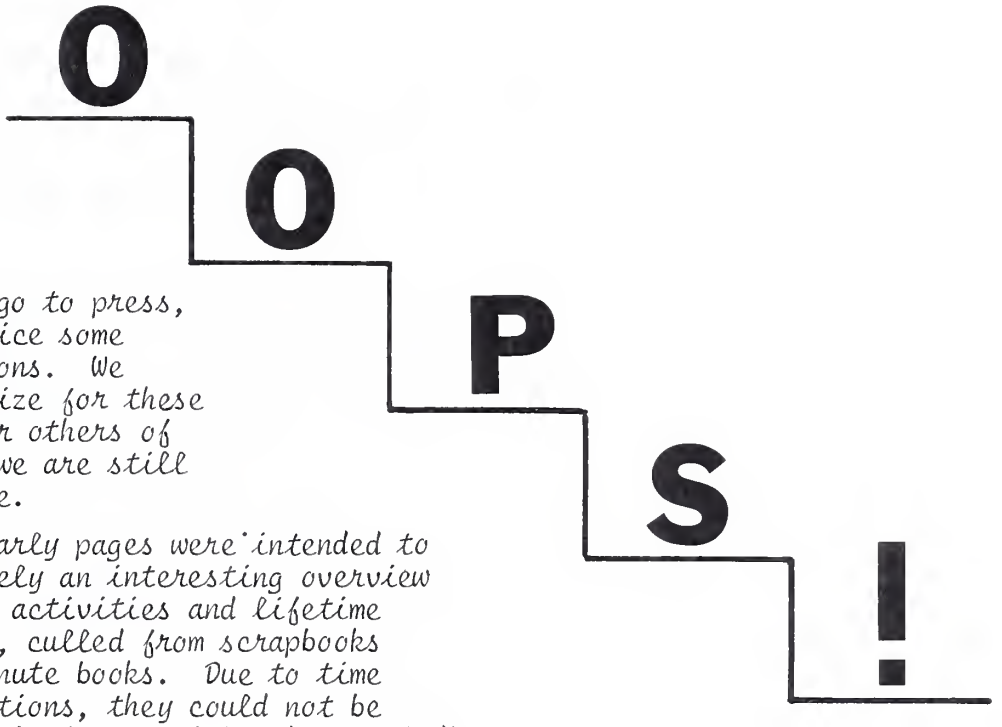
Barbara Winthrop, Recording Secretary

Lillian Tobias, Corresponding Secretary

In gratitude for a good year, the women voted to contribute $100 towards the much needed Blumenthal Jewish Home Activity Bus and $500 towards financing of the upcoming Centennial.

IN THE JEWISH WORLD:

The Lebanon crisis - war - massacre - Sharon.



As we go to press, we notice some omissions. We apologize for these and for others of which we are still unaware.

The yearly pages were intended to be merely an interesting overview of our activities and lifetime events, culled from scrapbooks and minute books. Due to time limitations, they could not be all inclusive... although we tried!

We omitted reference to

- the wedding of Jane and George Simon and the birth of their son Peter.
- the arrival of these treasured grandchildren:

ROSE GRUENHUT: Michael and Jeffrey Gruenhut, sons of Elaine and Steven Gruenhut, Atlanta.

BEA AND BEN KATZ: Tracey, Andrea, and Rachel Taratoot, daughters of Gerry and "Bubba" Taratoot, Atlanta.

IRENE AND MILTON STEINBERGER: Jamie, Blake and Lane Steinberger, children of Rona and Stanley Steinberger, Charlotte.

LEAH HOFFMANN: Rosemary Hoffmann and Norman Wallace Hoffmann, children of Belle and John Hoffmann, Winston-Salem.

Stephany Joy Hoffmann and Wendy Sue Hoffmann, daughters of Gloria and Dr. William Stephany Hoffmann, Bay City, Michigan.

July 22, 1983 - We note with sorrow the passing of William Herbert Hoffmann, 95, born September 7, 1887 in Statesville, a son of Jacob Henry and Fannie Wallace Hoffmann, a brother of the late Dr. Wallace S. Hoffmann.

Our condolences go out to his family.

REFLECTIONS AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS.....

The building per se is not too important to me. It's the memories that come back when I am there...

- The boat cushion my husband used to bring to services before we bought padded chair cushions for the pews!
- Rabbi Friedman, who was so different from anyone I had ever known.
- Our first student rabbi, Arnie Kaiman, who arrived in town in a red convertible and played such a good game of bridge.
- Learning about Reform Judaism from Dr. Hoffmann and realizing that this was what I had been looking for.
- How my daughters, Martha and Donna, looked at ages 6 and 4 when we arrived in Statesville.
- Each play the children put on brings reminders of those we produced in the beginning -- and how much fun it all was.
- The naming party for our youngest daughter, Laura... when we served in the lobby and did not have a social hall.
- Laura's Bat Mitzvah and Rabbi Selwyn Geller, who worked with her. The help she got from Ruth Polk ...
- HOW ACTIVE WE ALL WERE. (And how young!)
- Donna's wedding .. and how I complained about the fact that we had no center aisle. Our inability to accompany her together to the chuppah, as is traditional. Me? A Reform Jew, wanting a very traditional ceremony! Yes.
- Memories of all the rabbis and students we've had over the years.
- Listening to my husband's off-key singing.
- Hearing Saul Gordon's shofar blowing!

Thinking of what Temple Emanuel means to me has made me realize that this is the only temple I've ever really known. The memories are so closely intertwined with the family events in our lives that there is no way to separate them. These have been good years, all 29 of them.

JOYCE LIPSHITZ

It was like a second home to us.

DIANE WALSH

The temple has been like a family, even better than a family. In times of joy and sorrow, our people cared. Taking into consideration all the differences among the members at any given time, there is never a question that when a need arises, we all pitch in. It feels good and it sustains me.

BETTY LEE

Temple Emanuel means more than just a place for worship. It has instilled a sense of pride in my religion in me that I've only recently come to appreciate. I greatly miss the personal, family feeling that services and activities at Temple Emanuel convey.

LAURA LIPSITZ

Temple Emanuel will always be a special "home." The guidance received there has been instrumental in making me the person I am today.

MARK GORDON

A feeling of home, a place to put down roots -- inspired by the old building which withstood years of nonuse. It endured. Judaism endures. Now revitalized, it means much to a new generation.

RHONDA LERNER KOGUT

FROM RELATIVE NEWCOMERS....

A feeling of community with my fellow Jews.. a place where my child is receiving excellent religious training.

BERNARD WEINZIMMER

For the first time in my life, I belong to a small congregation. I've enjoyed the closeness of the congregation and getting to know Rabbi Seigel. His adult education programs and children's ethics class are very beneficial to the community.

What I appreciate most about Temple Emanuel is the dedication and enthusiasm of the Rosenfelds and Goldsteins in the Sunday School program.

SOPHIE WEINZIMMER

And a list of those activities which are an integral part of Congregation Emanuel for someone who grew up here...

Sukkot building
Picnics
Tanglewood Sunday Afternoons with Families
Bar and Bat Mitzvahs
Bris Ceremonies

Mother's Day Dinners
Chanukah Carnivals
Creative BBYO Services
Brotherhood Observances - at our temple and at churches
Girl Scout Sabbaths

Break-Fasts
Purim Costume Parties
Plays
Religious School

Weddings
Funerals
Jahrzeits
Confirmations

Businessmen's Luncheons
Rummage Sales
Visits to the Jewish Home in Clemmons
White Elephant Sales
Bingo - Yiddish!

Tours of Church Groups
Telling Girl Scouts about Judaism
Guest Speakers

High Holy Days
Sabbath Services
Joyous Simchas Torah Services

SHARING --- CARING --- TOGETHERNESS --- EXTENDED FAMILY.

LAUREN ADLER

EXCERPT FROM INSTALLATION OF LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS, 5/22/68:

(Installing officer: Hanna Adler)

"Our small group of about twenty women is unique - in its commitment and accomplishments. Although we came together here in Statesville from totally different backgrounds and represent every strata of Kol Yisroel (the people of Israel), we have achieved closeness and ties which rival only those of our own personal family groups. Indeed, I claim we are a family, taking pride in the achievements of every one of our members and grieving at their misfortunes. We are tied together in the Household of Israel - Beveth Yisroel - in love and compassion.

"We are so few; we need each and every woman to accomplish even the most basic tasks to function as a congregation. What ties us closely together? Is it sheer necessity, combined with varied measures of commitment and dedication? I do wish we could all reach our goal of maximum commitment. We can stretch our horizons. We can strive . We can emulate those among us who give most generously of themselves rather than slipping by, trying to do the least. The Talmud states that perfection is NOT a human trait. Highly as Judaism appraises man and his potential - our sages have no illusions .... We can do no better than heed this talmudic admonition: `Communal activity is as meritorious as studying Torah - and though it is not incumbent upon you to complete the work - you are NOT free from doing all you possibly can.'"

HANNA ADLER

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EXCERPT OF HAIM GORDON'S ARTICLE IN
THE HADASSAH MAGAZINE, FEBRUARY 1975

"In the 1940's a new approach to Judaism began, involving a revival of interest in Jewish life, a renewed identification with the Jewish people, and a search for a creative expression of Judaism. The Holocaust and the establishment of the State of Israel had a deep impact on many small-town Southern Jews.

"Meanwhile, after 1945, the South itself was changing. Industry from the North was moving into small Southern towns in search of cheaper nonunion labor, and sometimes the managers of such industries were Jews. Southern states started enlarging their state university systems, and that frequently meant bringing in Northern academicians, among them some Jews.

"As many Southern Jews sought new ways of relating to their Jewishness, Jewish community centers were built and Jewish programs were encouraged in the larger Southern cities; new Hadassah chapters were formed and Young Judaea groups flourished. And even in the small town there was a rising Jewish consciousness.

"Statesville, North Carolina, is an example of a thriving small-town Jewish community. Congregation Emanuel with its 15 member families is nearing its hundredth year of existence. It was established in 1883 and seldom included more than 25 families. For thirty years, the temple was closed because there were only six Jewish families in Statesville. With the influx of Jews from the North after the Second World War, the temple was rededicated in 1954.

"Since then, the congregation has been vital and active; it has weekly services, a Sunday School, an active sisterhood, an education program for their teenagers, adult education classes, chapters of B'nai B'rith and BBYO. And there are many other Jewish activities throughout the year....

"The Jew in a small Southern town cannot be anonymous. Like it or not, he is identified as a Jew. He must work out what kind of a Jew to be, and this can be a creative challenge, a new form of pioneering even. The time may not yet have come to write off these small towns. They may well remain outposts of Judaism in the Southern heartland for a long time to come."

PEOPLE KNOWN TO HAVE SHARED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF CONGREGATION EMANUEL

From Early 1950's to 1983

*Adler, Hanna and Howard
Dr. Mark Adler - Lexington, Mass., Dr. Stuart Adler - St. Louis, Mo., Lauren Adler - Atlanta, Ga.
*Aronson, Connie and Jules
Sieglinda Aronson Weiss - Durham, N.C., JoAnne Aronson Rosenblum - Rockaway, N.Y.
*Baer, Jack
Becker, Brenda and Michael - Florida
Blumenthal, Florence - N.Y.C.
Blumenthal, Robert - Charlotte, N.C.
Cohen, Jean and Elliott - Columbia, S.C.
Deborah Cohen Firestone - N.Y.C., Cynthia Cohen, and Samuel Cohen
Cohn, Dorothy and Harold - address unknown
*Conn, Elenor and Sidney
Max, Lee, Nancy, and Marla Conn
Franzblau, Charlotte (d.) and Dr. Abraham (d.)
Fried, Irene - Tampa, Fla. and Sam (d.)
*Fowler, Gilda and Dale
Dina Fowler
*Geen, Zelda and Mort
David and Jeffrey Geen
Gettleman, Maurice - address unknown
Glassman, Alice (d.)
Goldberg, Bernice and Hal - Pittsburgh, Pa.
*Goldstein, Karen and Barry
Ami, Julie, and Brett Goldstein
*Goldstein, Ruth and Edward
*Goodman, Louis
Gordon, Charlotte (d.) and Louis (d.)
*Gordon, Melvin
*Gordon, Barbara and Ellis
*Dani and Barry Gordon and son Zachary, Mark Gordon - Greenville, S.C.
*Gordon, Gene and Saul
Charlotte Gordon Margolis - Durham, N.C., *Lynne and Craig Gordon, and Susan Gordon
*Gordon, Rona and Alfred
Richard Gordon and Robert Gordon
*Gordon, Toby and Kalman
Wendy Gordon and Louis Gordon
*Gordon, Alice
*Gordon, Elke and Henry
Claire Gordon and Patricia Gordon
Gordon, Shirley - Baltimore, Md.
Sandy Polakavetz and Linda Polakavetz - address unknown
Gordon, Sarah and David - Greensboro, N.C.
*Greenberg, Hilary
*Gruenhut, Rose - and Albert (d.)
Steven Gruenhut - Atlanta, Ga.

*Hoffmann, Leah and Dr. Wallace (d.)
Hoffmann, John - Winston-Salem
Hoffmann, William, (Dr.) - Bay City, Mi.
*Homesley, Jacquie and T. C.
Joshua Schneider - Hickory; Caroline and O. H. McPherson and Matthew and Molly Cathleen McPherson - Statesville; Jennifer Schneider - Statesville
Heilbronn, "City" and Fred - address unknown
Jay, Sally (d.) and Joe - address unknown
Kalman, Robert (d.)
Kastan, Doris and Bill - New Brunswick, N. J.
Marcia Kastan Kaufman - Allentown, Pa., and Michael Kastan - St. Louis, Mo.
*Katz, Bea and Ben
Gerry Katz Taratoot - Atlanta, Ga., Dr. Jeffrey Katz - Greensboro, N.C., and Dr. Mark Katz - Charlotte, N. C.
Katz, Dr. Eva (d.)
*Katz, Libbie and Manfred
*Krieger, Jean and Marvin - Statesville
Larry Krieger - New Jersey, Dr. Gary Krieger - Texas, and Terry Krieger
Kronovet, Miriam and David - Charlotte, N.C.
Allen, Neil, Sharon, and Lisa Kronovet - Charlotte, N.C.
*Lee,Betty
M. G., Mark, and Michael Lee
Lee, Marvin - Oklahoma
*Lerner, Bernice and Mort - Salisbury, N.C.
Richard Lerner, Mark Lerner, and Dena Lerner
*Lerner, Florence and Max - Taylorsville, N.C.
Jack Lerner - Lexington, Ky., and Rhonda Lerner Kogut - Durham
*Lester, Faye and David (d.)
Leventhal, Marilyn and Martin - Charlotte, N. C.
Steven Leventhal, David Leventhal, and Karen Leventhal
*Lipshitz, Joyce and Nathan
Martha Lipshitz - Boston, Mass., Donna Lipshitz Stern - Winston-Salem, N.C., and Laura Lipsitz - Jacksonville, Fla.
Ludwig, Muriel and Sol - N.Y.C.
Miles Ludwig - N.Y.C., Meredith Ludwig Seigel - Virginia, and Seth Ludwig - California
Luftig, Lena - address unknown
Luftig, Rose - address unknown
Lurie, Norma and Dr. Allan - Tampa, Fla.
Diane Lurie Berg - Huntington, N.Y., Donna Lurie Tenenbaum - Birmingham, Ala., and David Lurie
Marlowe, Rosyln and Jerry - address unknown
Lisa Marlowe
*Marks, Mary and Dr. Fred
Marilyn, David, and Aaron Marks
Mushock, Cathy - Orlando, Fla.
Erik Mushock
*Polk, Ruth and Leonard
Paul Polk - Hartford, Conn., Edward Polk - Miami, Fla., and Barbara Polk - Chapel Hill, N.C.
Posner, Edwin - N.Y.C.
Steven Posner - Guam, Matthew Posner - Guam, Paul Posner - Chapel Hill, N.C.

Posner, Sandy - Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Jimmy Posner and Jennifer Posner
*Ram, Judy and Dr. Cecil
Cheryl Ram Hart - Rochester, Minn., Dr. Bernard Ram - Statesville,
Michael Ram, Lauri Ram, and Herbie Ram
*Reisman, Harriet and Alan
Rippe, Allen - Memphis, Tenn.
Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Jay - address unknown
Charles Robinson
*Rodberg, Evelyn and Dan
Rosenberg, Sy - address unknown
Rosenberg, Zava and Tom - Charlotte, N.C.
*Rosenfeld, Joanne and Laurence
Robin Rosenfeld and Janet Rosenfeld
Rothschild, Ron (d.)
*Schneider, Agnes and Albert
Joshua Schneider - Hickory; Caroline and O. H. McPherson
and Matthew and Molly Cathleen McPherson - Statesville;
Jennifer Schneider - Statesville
*Silberman, Beverly and Hy
Martin Silberman - Greenville, S.C.; Bruce Silberman -
Charlotte, N.C.
*Simon, Jane and George
Chris, Peter, and Laura Simon
Sohn, Esther (address unknown) and Ted (d.)
Robert and Patty Sohn
Sosnik, Carolyn and Herbert - Gastonia, N.C.
Cheryl Sosnik, Marilyn Sosnik Smith, and Mark Sosnik
*Starman-Onsrud, Shelley and Thomas Charles Onsrud - Lake Norman
Alyson Ashley Onsrud
*Steinberger, Irene and Milton
Norman Steinberger and sons Stephen, Gregg, and Brett Steinberger;
Stanley Steinberger - Charlotte, N.C.
Steinberger, Rita - Atlanta, Ga.
Stephany, Rose (d.)
*Summerfield, Geraldine and Louis (d.)
*Sussman, Selma and Joe (d.)
Phillip Sussman - Charlotte, N.C.
*Tobias, Lillian and Bernard
Van Hoose, Mary - Virginia
Jessie Van Hoose
*Wallace, Harry - Statesville
Wallace, Henrietta (d.)
Wallace, Herman (d.)
Walsh, Diane and Saul - Myrtle Beach, S.C.
Walsh, Etta (d.) and Bernard (d.)
Ward, Susan
Weil, Gertrude and Henry - address unknown
*Weinzimmer, Sophie and Bernard - Conover, N.C.
Michael and Julianne Weinzimmer
*Winthrop, Barbara and Warren
Samuel Winthrop and Russell Winthrop
Wolfsheimer, Dr. Karen and Dr. Frank - New Orleans, La.
Zeimer, Andrea - Charlotte, N.C.

* Denotes those living in the Statesville area in 1983